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# Hike Haliburton expands multi-day event

Story by Angelica Blenich

This year marks a big birthday for the Hike Haliburton Festival and organizers got a present to celebrate the occasion. Marking its 10th year, the annual festival was the recipient of a \$15,800 Celebrate Ontario grant. The infusion of funds, along with the anniversary, have led organizers to expand the multi-day event, which will take place from Sept. 20 to the 23.

An initiative of the county, Hike Haliburton will be overseen by project manager Barrie Martin, who facilitated last year's event.

Festival plans for this year include expanding the event to include 40 guided hikes of all lengths and levels of difficulty. Hikes will be located throughout the county in each of the four municipalities, said Maria Micallef, tourism co-ordinator for Haliburton County.

"Last year we had 500 participants attend the events, the majority of which were local residents," she said.

This year the marketing strategy was to focus on bringing people from outside the county to the festival, said Micallef. To do this the festival has been lengthened by one day and a free barbecue and concert will kick-off the event on Sept. 20 in Minden.

Discounts with accommodators, restaurants and other local businesses have been established to help promote the festival and attract participants.

Funds from the grant will be going specifically to entertainment costs and enhancing the activities, said Micallef.

A headliner concert featuring Whitehorse with Luke Doucet and Melissa McClelland will be held on Sept. 21 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. On the evening of Sept. 22 a Blister Ball will be held at the Stanhope Community Centre with live music provided by the Wolfgang Brothers.

"It's a free dance for anybody, it's not just for registrants of Hike Haliburton. It's just in celebration of Hike Haliburton ... just come out and have fun, take your shoes off and dance the night away," said Micallef.

New this year is the incorporation of mystery celebrity

hikers, who will be co-leading some of the hikes, however, details are being kept top secret.

"The idea is when you're out there on any of the 40 hikes [the celebrity] will pop up at a hike and you don't know who it is. You'll know when you see them ... there will be appearances at some of the entertainment as well."

The tourism co-ordinator is looking forward to the festival, which she said has been successful since its inception.

"It just keeps building and growing ... it's a family event and about getting outside. There's something for everyone," she said.

The county will be tracking visitors through registra-

tion forms and organizers are asking people to register for hikes in advance, to ensure things run smoothly.

"This is the one that we're hoping will get that draw of people from outside the county, who will come and stay on a yearly basis," said Micallef.

Volunteers and sponsorships are still being sought out by event organizers. If interested contact Martin at 705-754-3436 or email [info@yoursoutdoors.ca](mailto:info@yoursoutdoors.ca). Information for the Hike Haliburton Festival, including descriptions of the hikes, concerts, events and a map can be found at [www.haliburtonholidays.com/fall/hikehaliburton.asp](http://www.haliburtonholidays.com/fall/hikehaliburton.asp). Tickets must be picked up in advance for festival events, including the free concerts and barbecue. For more information contact the county office at 705-286-1777.

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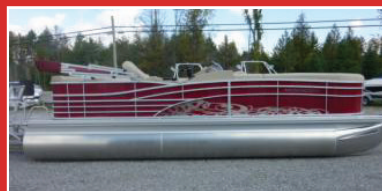
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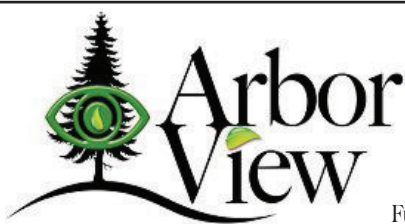
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# Cottagers care about Haliburton's youth

Story by Janet Trull

Sometimes it seems like residents and cottagers inhabit separate worlds. Bryan Baker and his wife Andrea Matheson, Davis Lake cottagers, are working to change that.

"We enjoy the beauty of Haliburton Highlands," Baker says, "but we are also aware that there is a great need for community services here, where the incidence of childhood poverty is among the highest in the province."

Baker has focused his volunteer and financial support on Point in Time, a local organization that believes, "when children or youth have difficulties the whole family is affected."

Their aim is to promote the well-being of children, youth and parents in Haliburton County with a wide range of services.

Whether children or youth have mental health issues, are experiencing conflict at school or home, are at risk with the law, or are in need of counselling, Point in Time can help.

Point in Time also runs recreation programs and summer adventure camp, offering positive environments and relationships that can lead to hopeful futures.

What can one cottager do? Bryan Baker invited the Davis Lake Cottagers' Association to participate in a fundraiser at his cottage on Aug. 11. He hired a live band, the hugely popular Fiddlestix, and sent out invitations. When the dark clouds threatened to rain on the party, he tarped up an area for the band and made a last minute trip to town to buy a tent. The weather co-operated, however, and donations rolled in for Point in Time.

Marg Cox, the organization's executive director, was thrilled with the generous response of the Davis Lake cottagers and other guests. Bryan and Andrea want to issue a challenge to all cottager associations to support local organizations in the Highlands, from food banks to service groups.



Marg Cox and Bryan Baker met up at the Point in Time Fundraiser at Baker's cottage. Photo submitted by Marg Cox

"We feel a responsibility to give back to the community where we derive so much enjoyment," Baker says.

Marg Cox also wants to thank Baker for securing a large gift for Point in Time from CIBC Wood Gundy, where he is first vice president.

The Children's Miracle Foundation made a donation of \$10,000, which will go a long way to maintain programming.

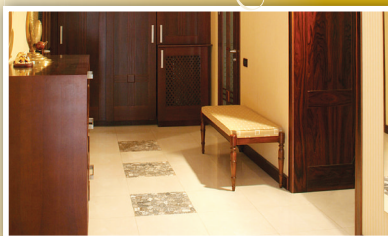
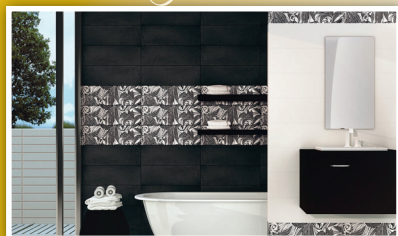
Point In Time is a charitable, not-for-profit organization. Donate financially if you can, or donate your time through volunteering. Point in Time is looking to recruit drivers and respite volunteers. For more information, check out the website: [www.pointintime.ca](http://www.pointintime.ca).



Andrea Baker, Bryan Baker, Colleen Suddaby and Carl Hoffman (Fiddlestix band member). Submitted by Andrea Baker

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Issac Little caught this fish on Sherborne Lake near Dorset. Submitted by Jennifer Little



Maddox Jones from Dartmouth, N.S., fishing on Pelaw River. Photo submitted by Laura Smith



Jonathan (JJ) Nussbaum caught a largemouth bass on Lake Kashagawigamog on Thursday, Aug. 2 Submitted by Brad Nussbaum



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# Rally worth the trip

Story and photos by Barbara Shaw

If you're one of the many who close-up the cottage around Thanksgiving weekend consider making a change this year that includes a trip to Bancroft in late November.

While not always the nicest weather, a trip to Bancroft on Nov. 23 and 24 will give you enough excitement to stay warm for a few days.

Each November, high performance cars flood into the town for an incredibly exciting event. After racing all summer at different locations across the country, rally drivers from Canada and the U.S. hit Bancroft for the final event of the Canadian Rally Championships.

Tall Pines is the final race for a group of competitors who are willing to go all out and drive hard to take home a title.

If you're not familiar with rally, it's an interesting sport. Cars with all-wheel drive and super-charged engines race through our back roads one after another. They transition from gravel to hard top to dirt at high speeds with one driver behind the wheel and a co-driver giving directions and course notes in the passenger seat.

For those of us who drive these roads every day the event is that much more thrilling.

The cars are fast and often don't make the tight corners; ending up in pieces.

Each year there are more than 50 cars that enter but stage after gruelling stage, the numbers drop and only the best and those with lots of luck will finish.

Because of the late November race date the weather is always part of the excitement. In the past five years there have been snow events, icy-cold windy events and last year's unseasonably warm temperatures were a treat for spectators. And when it comes to spectating, many of those who return year after year are hoping for the



A car races towards the crowd of cheering spectators at the 2011 Rally of the Tall Pines in Bancroft. The warm temperature on race day made it great for those spending long hours spectating.

magical winter roads/summer ditches combination that challenges drivers and sends car after car into our rocky, dry and unforgiving ditches.

The rally runs in different stages through the Saturday and spectators are given details on where they can watch. The majority of fans end up at the Iron Bridge spectating area to hang with other enthusiasts and enjoy the live commentating. There are barbecues, chip trucks and lots of camaraderie.

The staging area and rally headquarters transforms the Dungannon Recreation Centre in L'Amable into a race fan's paradise with cars and their teams ready to interact with the public. You can wander through the teams and watch as they repair cars, swap tires and study course notes.

Food is always served out of the community centre for those needing a bite to eat or a place to have a rest.

The rally organizers started a VIP program in 2002 and it has sold-out each year. Providing transportation to viewing areas and heated spectating stages, a catered meal and access to the awards event, it's a great way to get a close look at rally.



A Subaru rounds the corner at the Iron Bridge in Bancroft. This spot gives spectators a great up-close view of the action.

Subaru Imprezas are a racing model of choice. The light, fast cars are built for these road conditions.

Tall Pines does well for a number of reasons. It's extremely interactive and participants are happy to chat with fans. The spectators are friendly and knowledgeable and the event is just plain exciting.

You don't just see the cars as they power by; you feel the sounds of their engines deep in your gut as they get closer and then as they shoot up the gravel going past the cheering fans.

These drivers take on the locals roads the way we all want to. They have courage, great cars and a fearlessness that makes Tall Pines worth a trip in late November.

For more on Tall Pines please visit [tallpinesrally.com](http://tallpinesrally.com).

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# Canning Lake hosts fun day



A group of kids pass a cup full of water over and then under to the back of their line at the Canning Lake Fun Day on Aug. 4 in Ingoldsby.



Photos by Scott Wheeler

Children race to blow bubbles with Grace, left, getting some help from her dad.



The clown hands out 50th anniversary balloons to the adults as well.



Abby races to fill her teams bucket with water on Aug. 4 in Ingoldsby. The game was part of the Canning Lake Fun Day held every summer.



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# Training Special Olympics athletes

Story by Janet Trull

Photos by Angelica Blenich

**H**aliburton County is teeming with volunteers opportunities – many you wouldn't think of at first. One of those is a special group called the Red Wolves.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves, a volunteer organization in the Highlands, is part of Special Olympics Ontario. They offer year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Local athletes benefit from continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves, established in 1996 by Linda Brandon of Minden, includes athletes who range in age from 11 to 65. Yvette Brauer, the co-ordinator of the group, talks with pride about the four sports that athletes in the community can participate in. "The Red Wolves have room to grow," Brauer says. "So, if you know of someone with a disability who would like to check them out, they are most welcome."

**Softball** John Kellett, head coach for the organization, runs this program on Monday afternoons at the diamond beside the arena in Haliburton from the beginning of June until September. At the moment they do not have a full roster so anyone is welcome to join them for exercise, friendship and fun.

**Golf** Rick West is the golf coach, meeting with athletes at the Haliburton Driving Range from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings all summer. The owner, Wade Greer, has provided his facility, including the mini-putt course, at no cost. Special Olympics Ontario held its Eastern Qualifier at Pinestone Golf on Aug. 23, where local athletes joined athletes from across Eastern Ontario to play golf, meet old friends and make new ones.

**Bowling** 25 bowlers meet at The Fast Lane in Minden on Wednesdays during the school year between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Rick West is the coach and Bernice Murray is the assistant coach. Volunteers are always welcome as scorers, encouragers and friends. The team would love to see more "guys" volunteering this year.

**Curling** Bruce Fisher is the lead coach for this winter sport with 14 participating athletes. They curl on Mondays at 4 p.m. at the Minden Curling Club, which provides their facility at no cost. The Special Olympics tankard event, to be held in November, is a preliminary to the provincial games. If the team does well, they could even go on to the

nationals. Train hard, team!

Alyssa Denyer, a student at Haliburton High, says of her experience as a volunteer with the Red Wolves: "Curling with the Red Wolves was truly a blast. They are some of the most fun people on the planet. A lot of us were really competitive, but it was still non-stop smiles. I felt it was a great experience for everyone, no matter how many times we lost to Dawn and her team, I always looked forward to

getting on the ice with every one after school."

Fundraising efforts cover all the teams' costs. Athletes are provided with team shirts, jackets, bowling shoes and curling equipment. Transportation for training and

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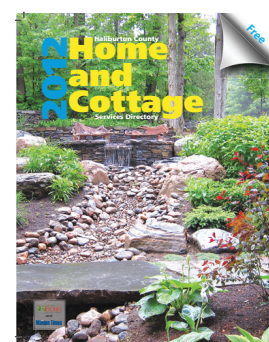
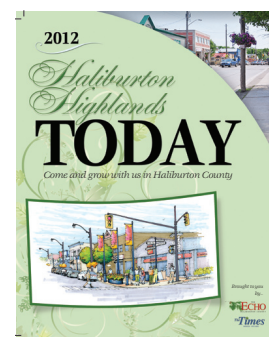
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Volunteer Val Richards, left, draws a name out of the drum during the Red Wolves picnic at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park on Aug. 19 with the help of Trevor Brauer.

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# A sure sign

Story and photo by Steve Galea

Forget about the chill of morning or the noticeable shortening of the days. Ignore, if you can, the Canada geese, as they test their voices and wings, over our windswept lakes and sun-burnt fields. Disregard the nervous breeze or the dramatic, cot-

tony clouds scudding over a fading summer sky, or the fact that the small-mouth bass are once again frequenting the shallows in hopes of fattening up before a winter of dormancy.

For it is not in these things.

Instead, it skitters over the treetops and perches precariously on the brittle tips of swaying cattails. It squeals,

chirps and whistles and gathers in great flocks. It sweeps across the sky with a rush and a swoosh that makes a person look to the heavens and smile.

A great congregation of blackbirds (whether red-winged, starlings or grackles) is, to me at least, a sure sign of autumn's onset.

To see them in their full glory, you need to spend an early morning in a late-September marsh.

Then, you'll see them settle on a sea of cattails and rushes and roost in the trees.

They'll rise to the sound of a passing boat, take panicked, sweeping flights at the approach of a merlin or northern harrier and fly by in flocks that undulate like waves over the landscape and take minutes to pass.

But, despite that blushing of maple leaves down the road, that glorious time is yet to come.

So, for now, all we can do is marvel at the glory of late summer.

Who could not stand in awe at the seemingly random flight of a monarch butterfly as it casually flits its orange

wings and drifts aimlessly and opaque against the clear blue sky? And, though they will soon be gone, for now we can also enjoy the wildflowers – all purples, pinks, whites, yellows and oranges – that adorn the fields and roadside ditches. And watch reverently as deer, all sleek and well fed, stand like statues among them.

These, after all, are the things that we will recall when frost takes root in the earth and a vibrant palette of leaves crowns the trees.

These are the things that will be pale memories when our wood ducks pick up from the quiet ponds for the last time this season.

And, when the moose come to rut and migrant flights of woodcock drop into the creek bottoms and dank places, these things will be long gone for another year.

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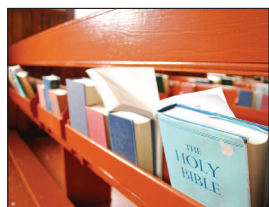
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Saturday, Aug. 25. The  
event offers the public  
information, education  
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More on page 5.  
Darren Lum  
Staff

# Man drowns in Kashagawigamog

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

A Thornhill man drowned in Lake Kashagawigamog on Monday.  
According to the OPP, Ayreh Aaron Wise, 33, was kayaking when the boat overturned.  
Wise was not wearing a lifejacket, police said. Police, EMS workers and firefighters

responded to a 911 call about 2:40 p.m.

That call was made by Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey was at home along Lake Kashagawigamog Road when Peter Varty, a resident from across the lake, came wrapping on his door.

Emergency crews used Fearrey's property to access the water.

"I directed traffic," Fearrey said. "It was nothing."

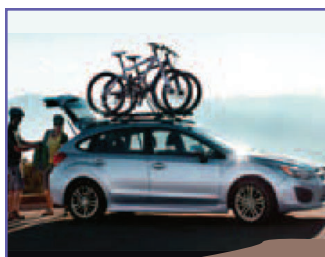
The *Times* was unable to get a hold of Peter, but did speak with his wife, Ann.

"We just heard calls," she said, explaining that Varty and a neighbouring cottager had jumped in a boat and headed out into the lake to see what the problem was.

Ann wasn't sure where in the lake they'd encountered Wise.

"It was very traumatic [for the family]," she

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It will be a great event for people in the area, or a good reason to travel to Haliburton for the weekend.

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**Chad Ingram Staff**

This ambulance leaves Murray Fearrey's property on Lake Kashagawigamog Road on Aug. 27 after responding to a drowning call. A 33-year-old Thornhill man drowned after falling out of his kayak into the lake.

## Police urge lifejacket use

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said. "I think the bottom line is wear your lifejacket."

Fearrey expressed similar sentiments.

"It was difficult to see it," he said. "It makes you wonder why anybody, whether they can swim or not, would go out in a boat without a lifejacket."

Crews performed CPR and Wise was taken to the Hali-

burton hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Of the 23 people who drowned operating a vessel in Ontario in 2010, 22 of them, or 96 per cent, were not wearing lifejackets.

OPP are stressing the importance of wearing floatation devices.

## Bear sightings down

If you've been in Haliburton this summer, chances are you haven't come across many bears.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is reporting a lower number of bear sightings in the Haliburton region, which includes Minden and Bancroft.

Stats for this year report there have been 260 bear occurrences to date in 2012, compared to 373 for the same period last year, according to the MNR.

The change is relative to whether or not natural food sources are available within a community.

"When natural food sources are poor, black bears will travel long distances to seek out alternative sources of food. There have been more sightings in areas where non-natural food sources are readily available. For example in areas where people have left pet food or household garbage out," MNR media official Audrey Tobolka told the paper.

Recent cutbacks to the government's Bearwise program have resulted in more calls being directed towards local OPP detachments.

Haliburton Highlands acting sergeant Sandy Adams told the paper at the beginning of the summer the OPP did get a number of calls regarding nuisance bears, however, that seems to be leveling off.

"We can expect more, I suppose, towards the fall as the bears begin to forage for food prior to winter," Adams said.

Throughout Ontario there have been 3,865 bear occurrences this year, many of which are just sightings of bears and can include multiple sightings of the same bear.

Trends show the number of bear occurrences across Ontario have gone down during the past number of years.

In 2009 there were 13,000 occurrences reported by the MNR, compared to 9,888 in 2010 and 6,662 in 2011.

Statistics can always be traced back to whether or not it has been a bad natural food year, which results in an increase in occurrences, said Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for the MNR.

This year the MNR stopped trapping and relocating nuisance bears, as they found it to be the least effective method of dealing with the issue.

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- Angelica Blenich

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# Irondale gets church back



Chad Ingram Staff

Carol Simmons has been part of a two-year struggle to put control of the Irondale Church in the hands of the community.

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

After a two-year battle, the people of Irondale once again have a church.

The Anglican Diocese of Toronto closed the Irondale Church in August of 2010 and at the time members of the community hoped to purchase the building so it could be preserved as a historical site.

"Initially, we were under the impression we were going to be negotiated with," Carol Simmons, advocate for the church, said last week.

However, those negotiations never happened and after the diocese rejected a \$40,000 offer from the Irondale Historical Society in the summer of 2011, it looked as though the building was going to be sold to a private buyer for \$80,000.

"Tempers flared on both sides," Simmons said.

Anne Roots, a member of the Bark Lake Aboriginal Tribe and niece of Simmons's husband, Fred, hired legal counsel and launched an injunction against the sale.

"She and the diocese went head-to-head," Simmons said. "A judge suggested that they settle between the two parties since a trial could take years and would be really expensive."

Roots organized Bark Lake Cultural Developments, a not-for-profit organization that would own the church and a number of community members signed as guarantors on a private mortgage.

It cost about \$100,000 with the diocese getting nearly \$70,000 for the building and property and \$30,000 going towards legal fees.

There will be fundraising to offset these costs.

The deal closed on Aug. 15, but tragically, Roots wasn't around to see it.

After being diagnosed with leukemia in May, she succumbed to the disease on July 20.

Simmons said she cried when she went to pick up the keys from the realtor.

"It should have been Anne getting the keys," she said.

Fred said the ordeal with the diocese had been a frustrating one.

"It sort of puts a bitter taste in your mouth," he said. "They're supposed to be showing you the way."

The church was built in 1887 by pioneer Charles Pusey as a non-denominational place of worship.

It was sold to the diocese in 1901 for \$50.

The building was recognized municipally as a heritage site through a resolution by Minden Hills council in spring of 2011, but has yet to be registered provincially or federally.

The Simmonses and other community members were cleaning up the church - locked shut for two years - on Friday.

Sunday saw its first service in as much time.

The church will be non-denominational, with services being led by various ministers and will be available for weddings, funerals and other events.



Fred Simmons vacuums up paint chips from the ceiling at the Irondale Church last week. The first service at the church in two years took place Sunday.



Glenda Simmons was busy cleaning the interior of the Irondale Church on Aug. 24.

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# Annual Garlic Fest grows

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

The fifth annual Garlic Fest drew hundreds to the Carnarvon Bowl property on Saturday, Aug. 25. With 15 vendors, the event offered education and assortment of products such as fresh local garlic, pickled garlic and arts creations.

Organized by the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association, the event also offers the public an opportunity to meet with local garlic growers, learning specific techniques and unique attributes and characteristics of particular varieties.

Fresh curry products were added to the event this year.



Above, jars of pickled garlic from Nancy's Home Made Preserves of Eagle Lake was just one of many ways garlic was offered at Garlic Fest at Carnarvon Bowl on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Left, Charles Hughes of Wilberforce shows off his pride and joy at the fifth annual Garlic Fest. Hughes, a retired principal and school teacher, has been growing garlic for 30 years and taught students in Harcourt, Wilberforce and Haliburton.

Below, local garlic grower Doug Nash educates people about garlic, as he gives a demonstration about tying garlic together. Nash and his wife Barb grow garlic on Redstone Lake Road. **Darren Lum** Staff



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# points of view

our editorial

## All's well that ends ...

SO THE STORY of the Irondale Church has a happy ending. Sort of.

Earlier this month, a citizen group bought the church back from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto after the diocese closed the building in August of 2010 due to a dwindling congregation.

Insurance, it said, was expensive.

The purchase of the church by Bark Lake Cultural Developments represents two years of hard work and is a demonstration of what members of a small community can accomplish when they work together.

However, the accomplishment was an expensive one, monetarily and emotionally.

The acquisition cost the group \$100,000 - \$30,000 in legal fees and \$70,000 the diocese received for the building.

This borders on robbery and is a display of hypocrisy in the highest order as far as I'm concerned.

A year ago, in a column I called *Holy Hypocrisy*, I wrote about how the diocese was violating Christian creed and being downright greedy as it refused a \$40,000 offer from the community and sought to maximize its profit on the building.

Not that I want to go down that road again . . . no, wait, I totally want to go down that road again.

It's really too bad there's not a better moral to this story, that there wasn't some kind of karmic justice served.

The diocese still got what it wanted - tens of thousands of dollars, just \$10,000 or so short of a private offer that was stopped by injunction last summer.

Just to recap, the diocese purchased the church in 1901 for \$50.

It received 1,400 times that for the same building a little more than a century later.

I was there for what was thought to be the church's last Sunday service two years ago.

I saw the bishop the diocese sent tell a congregation of teary-eyed parishioners the church's bureaucracy would work with the community.

That turned out to be a lie, something that, along with greed, I'm pretty sure the Bible's not too big on.

Not only has the ordeal hit Irondale citizens in their pocketbooks, it's clear that some of them have become disillusioned with the religious organization that headed the church for more than 100 years. Optimists out there will say I should concentrate on the fact the church is now back in the hands of the community, which is the most important thing. Charles Pusey built the church in 1887 as a non-denominational church and it seems somehow appropriate that the tale has come full-circle, with the church serving as a non-denominational place of worship once again.

Most of all, it's heart-warming to see that it's back in the hands of the people it matters to most.



**Chad Ingram**  
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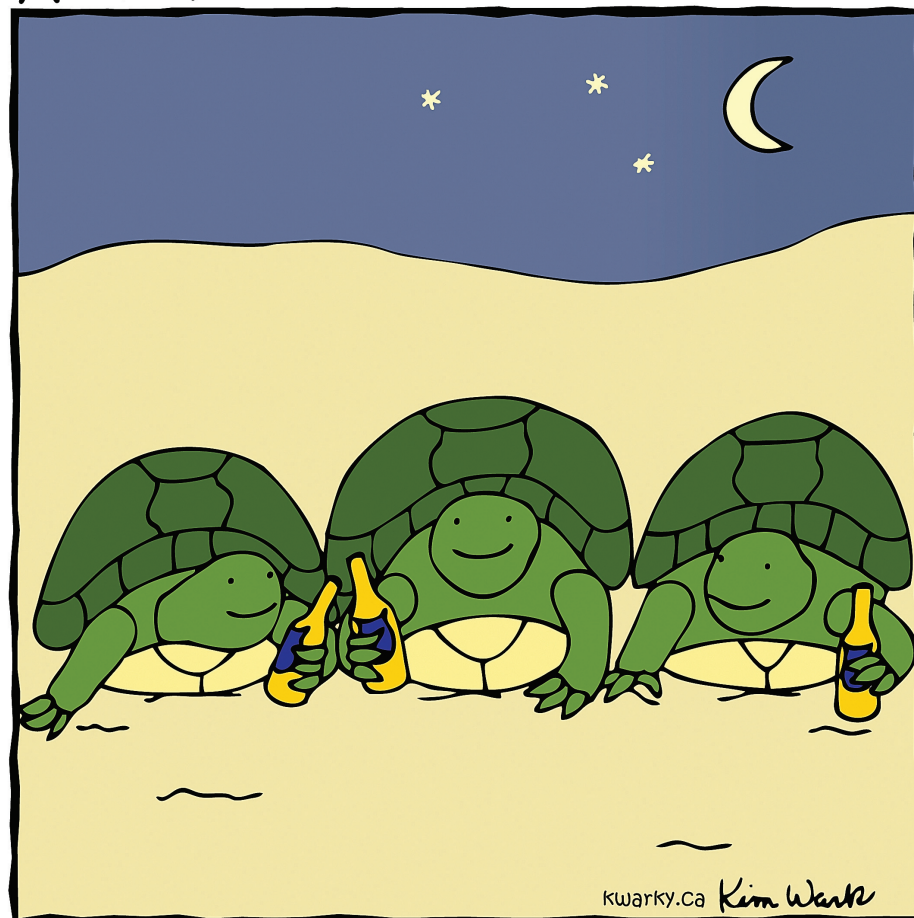
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## Housewarming Party

### letters to the editor

## New vision team for the village

### To the Editor,

What an interesting issue *The Times* produced on Aug. 15.

The lead story outlined a "Vision for the village," which looks like a somewhat watered down version of a plan I sketched out several years ago for our then reeve, Ross Rigney, but with a couple of important issues missed. No matter - these things will turn up in time.

The big question is, why are we paying an outside consultant to create a new vision for the village when the vision team is busy moving the main draw of the present vision from Water Street to Dollo's parking lot on the bypass?

This benefits no-one but the Beer Store and the folks blasting on north. What could these

people be thinking? Were they thinking at all?

The downtown merchants would be justified in raising a lynch mob!

Perhaps we should have a "toll team" on the Bobcaygeon Road bridge one Saturday to pay the cost of glasses for the vision team, which appears to have very little vision at present.

We seem to be more in need of a new "vision team for the village" than a new "vision for the village."

In the short term, however, I fear we shall simply have to muddle through with our existing vision-impaired team.

**Verne Brinsmead,**  
retired urban planner  
Minden

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# points of view

## No wonder

**T**HIS MORNING, I was reading news online when a quirky headline really caught my attention. It read, "Ever wonder what child star Danica McKellar looks like now?"

Call me strange, but I can honestly say that I have never wondered. Admittedly, the chances of me wondering what she looks like now would have gone up significantly had I ever heard of her. But since I don't even recognize her name, I haven't wondered at all – not once. Ever.

I do wonder about the poor journalist who was asked to cover this ground breaking story however – and the editor who assigned it, thereby breaking her will to live.

I can just imagine the conversation. "You want me to cover what?" the journalist would ask at the story meeting. "Seriously?"

Later that evening, while sitting at

home, that same journalist would wonder where it all went wrong. But not before she wondered how to convey in words what Danica McKellar looks like now. Far more likely, she would have wondered where the cult of celebrity is going to take journalism next.

You see, the idea these days is to keep stories quick, digestible and, if at all possible, about celebrities or ex-celebrities. If the subject is not a celebrity – think Octomom, Perez Hilton, Kim Kardashian or me (oh please think me!) – then the goal is to make them one.

Then you get to write very superficial stories about them. And thus, our collective IQ drops once again.

The headline that I previously mentioned even had a label over it that

said "Quick read" which, if current cyberspace gurus are to be believed, is already one word too long to hold a reader's attention.

Sadly, these days that's the plan – to dumb down everything and stay away from major issues.

But this was really too much.

I have nothing against Danica McKellar – heck, I wouldn't even recognize her if I saw her, then or now – but I do have a problem with where all this is going.

Why do I worry? Well, I'm almost certain that the journalist who covered that story is eminently more qualified and far better educated about journalism than me. Despite all that talent, education and actual love of the craft, she was asked to do that kind of

story.

This makes me very nervous since, as I think is clearly evident by my body of work, I am a talentless hack. Which makes me wonder, not about what Danica McKellar looks like now, but rather what stories and column ideas I'll have to deal with in the near future should this trend to simplify continue.

I guess it's too early to speculate; perhaps there's nothing to worry about. In fact, forget I ever mentioned it. I overreacted. People are probably greatly interested in this kind of thing.

In any case, I'll be in better form next week when I write my next column entitled, "Ever wonder what I look like now?"

Watch for it.

*TheOutdoorLife@aol.com*



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## His master's voice

**S**PREAD OUT ON the kitchen linoleum like a beach towel, The Brown Dog Jiggs keeps one glassy eye on me.

There is no use joking with him, for he is heir to a dour Scots disposition. He has nothing even approximating a sense of humour.

"Jiggs, how would you like a wok?" He raises his head to stare hard at me. Deadpan.

I rub my belly. "How about a pot?" But this dog has no stomach for puns. He lays his head back down and groans a window-rattling smooth collie groan.

Really, what is the point of a pun heard by a dog that lacks a vocabulary? Even a border collie learns only a hundred words. The Brown Dog is clever, but not nearly that clever.

Taken out of context, wok and walk sound exactly the same, even to a human ear. But when I try, "Jiggs, how would you like a walk?" The Brown Dog hears the change in spelling in my tone.

He scrambles to his feet and swirls around me, tail wagging, pausing for a bow or several, with a yip or two thrown in for punctuation.

Just between you and me, I talk to

The Brown Dog all the time. He is an excellent listener but not much of an interlocutor because he has nothing to say in response.

He just listens. Or pretends to. Jiggs neither disputes nor does he refute, no matter how muddled my meanderings are. He just lies there, admiring my voice, no matter what I say, paying no attention to the words.

Unless he hears "walk" in a tone that puts "al" in the middle of it.

Show me a man who says he does not talk to his dog and I will show you a liar, or a man with a very lonely pet. Dogs, whether they be smooth collies, weimaraners or wirehaired pointing griffons, like to be spoken to.

The first command new owners are taught at obedience school is, "Talk to your dog." Teach your dog to heel or sit and you learn to talk. Your dog will dote on your voice, if only you let it.

Not that Jiggs ever bothers to heel. He sits when he has a mind to, comes when there are no more interesting options. But he loves the sound of my

voice.

Actors rehearse their lines and husbands rehearse their excuses while their dogs listen in rapt adoration. Back in the days before focus groups, politicians tried out their speeches on their dogs.

When L.B.J. lifted up his beagle by its ears, he was just trying to help it to listen. A series of Irish terriers – three Pats and one Bob – were the only friends William Lyon Mackenzie King ever had.

Jiggs listened solemnly as I practiced readings from my book, *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, for Rotary appearances. The Brown Dog was not amused, but then, neither were the Rotarians.

Driving into town, I spot a deer. "There's a deer," I tell Jiggs. "Over there." But the windows are rolled up. Jiggs can never tell where "over there" is unless he can smell it, but he pretends to be interested anyhow.

"There's a dog on the sidewalk. With a woman." (I always notice the dog before I notice the woman, but my wife is used to it.) Windows up, Jiggs

looks everywhere but at the dog, but he pretends to be excited.

On some morning walks, the day is so extraordinary that I have to inflict a remark on somebody, and only Jiggs is there to hear it. "Isn't this a lovely morning?" and The Brown Dog lifts his nose to savour it.

Something somewhere prickles his olfactory receptors. "I love the smell of porcupine in the morning," he yips apocalyptically. "It is the smell of victory."

And with that, he is on the trail, and I am left to argue with myself, for The Brown Dog's ears close up tight when the game's afoot.

The truth is, sometimes my dog just doesn't understand me, but a stranger's billing and cooing can turn him into a prancing, dancing, salivating hunk of canine love.

As for me, when I attempt to engage The Brown Dog in meaningful discussion, he sits politely adoring my voice. Then he yawns. Sort of like the Rotarians.

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**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

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## Haliburton County news

# Stewardship council future unclear

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council could be in jeopardy.

"In the last provincial budget, there was a major impact for the stewardship councils," member Paul MacInnes said last week.

Supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the councils, located throughout the province, develop programs aimed at teaching good land management practices and environmental responsibility.

However, it's possible the councils may lose funding from the MNR.

"The MNR and the people on the stewardship council are still trying to get the final details," MacInnes said.

The local stewardship council typically receives about \$9,500 a year from the ministry, but through volunteerism and community partnerships, is able to leverage that into what MacInnes said is sometimes \$250,000 worth of

projects.

Its tree-planting program, for example, relies on partnerships with businesses. The council is able to sell the trees – some 5,000 a year – at 25 per cent of retail costs thanks to buying in bulk from a nursery.

And, for the past few years, half the cost of the trees has been picked up by Patient News.

"The other thing is we get about half of a [MNR staff] person's time," MacInnes said, adding he believes this will be the biggest impediment to the future work of the council. "The position is still there, but there's no funding."

The MNR employee who has traditionally spent about half her time working on stewardship council projects has been working in Muskoka and other areas and while the council has been told she'll be returning in December. "I'll believe it when I see it," MacInnes said.

In the meantime, the council – which consists of about 10 members with backgrounds in everything from forestry to development to education – is trying to figure out how it might continue without the support of the MNR.

"We looked at it and said the only way we could keep this council going without that staff support is for individual members of the council to ramp up the number of hours that they're donating," MacInnes said, adding that most members already volunteer considerable amounts of time with other organizations.

The council is also losing its chairperson, Rick Cox, who recently resigned from his job with Minden Hills township.

MacInnes said a special meeting would be held in September to talk about the future.

The council is responsible for a wide variety of programming including tree-planting, Take-A-Kid-Fishing Day and seminars.

It's involved with the children's water festival and its most recent project is the Decision Makers Information Series, which features experts speaking on a number of environmental subjects.

In September as part of the series, it will be filming presentations on shoreline restoration, septic systems and wetlands.

## Reads of the week



### Book of the Week

*Bride of New France* by Suzanne Desrochers

*Bride of New France* sheds new light on an all but forgotten chapter in the history of Canada. In the late 17th century, groups of impoverished, often orphaned, young women, ironically dubbed the filles du roi, were sent from France to the colonies to become wives of the fur traders and soldiers already settled in the wilderness that was New France. Here we learn the story of one of these women, the fictionalized Laure Beausejour. Laure always dreamed of using her needlework skills to become a seamstress and marry a nobleman despite her numerous hardships. Growing up in a Paris dormitory surrounded by prostitutes and other forgotten women, she has no doubt had a rough life. However, as Laure soon finds, poverty in Paris is no match for the harsh, uninhabitable conditions of living in New France. If you enjoy historical fiction, then consider reading this distinctly Canadian example. You can reserve *Bride of New France* in print or e-book formats at your library.

### Junior Book of the Week — Young Adult Title

*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

Thomas wakes in darkness, trapped inside a steel box deep within the earth, and the only thing that he can remember about himself is his first name. Noises erupt around him, the box is flooded with light, and he is lifted out, only to find himself trapped once more. Thomas,

along with about fifty other boys have been placed inside a gigantic and deadly maze. None of the boys can remember anything about their past and try and they might, no one can find a way out. A dystopian novel in the tradition of *The Hunger Games*, James Dashner's *The Maze Runner* is a fast paced, plot driven suspense novel, which is available to reserve in print and e-book formats from Haliburton County Public Library.

### Local Celebrity Read



Carol McClennan is a committee member of Those Other Movies (TOM), Haliburton's Film Circuit group. TOM starts its new season on Sept. 13 with *Salmon Fishing In The Yemen*, a movie which is based off of a novel of the same title. An avid moviegoer and reader, McClennan recently finished the book *The Sense of an Ending* by acclaimed British novelist Julian Barnes.

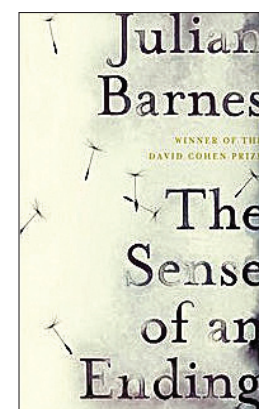
"For the book club in September, I have selected *The Sense of an Ending*," says McClennan. "I love his writing

style which is relaxed and easy to absorb on the one hand, and quite sophisticated and detective-like on the other."

The story follows the school days of Tony Webster, a man who is now middle-aged and looking back on his time with his friend Adrian. Tony has had a career and a single mar-

riage, a calm divorce. He's certainly never tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect and a lawyer's letter is about to prove the blindness of his youth.

"He deals with the simple subject of looking back on his life, reviewing aspects of it and discovering he may not have had it figured out. Barnes won the Man Booker Prize for this book," McClennan notes. "I gather some of his previous books are as deserving also."



### News & Events

Free computer classes will be offered at the Haliburton County Public Library this fall. Starting Sept. 18, these classes will be run bi-weekly on Tuesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. in Minden and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. in Dysart. Topics that will be covered include computer basics, web searching, Gmail, finding what to read next and social media tool use. Call Amanda at 705-457-2241 to register.

All featured books available at

**Haliburton County Public Library**



# Lots to see and do at the Kinmount fair

The Kinmount Agricultural Society presents the Kinmount Fair on Friday, Aug. 31 to Sunday, Sept. 2 in Kinmount.

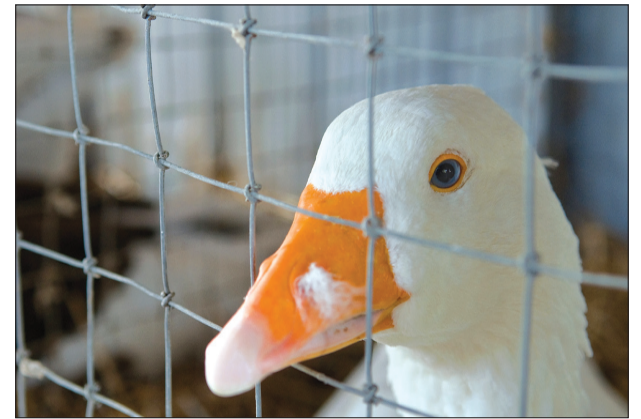
Cost for adults is \$12, public school children is \$2 and pre-school children get in for free. Parking is \$6 per car (HST included in prices). All elementary school-aged children will be admitted to the grounds free of charge on Friday, Aug. 31 to celebrate Children's Day at the Kinmount Fair.

Some of the attractions include trailer parking, horse pulls, demo derby, truck and tractor pull, stage show, amateur show, midway, parade, pioneer exhibit, homecrafts, agricultural exhibits and farm animals shows. /File photo

teur show, midway, parade, pioneer exhibit, homecrafts, agricultural exhibits and farm animals shows.

For general information call 705-488-2871 or email info@kinmountfair.net or visit www.kinmountfair.net.

One goose cools in the shade during the first day of the Kinmount Fair last year. This event marks 142 years and brings back some main attractions like horse pulls, demo derby, truck and tractor pull, stage show, amateur show, midway, parade, pioneer exhibit, homecrafts, agricultural exhibits and farm animals shows. /File photo



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## Notice of Road Construction – Bobcaygeon Road September 4th to November 15th, 2012

Please be advised that Fowler Construction will be commencing road work on the Bobcaygeon Road on or about September 4th from the Sunnybrook Bridge to Peck Street in the Village of Minden. The road work will involve removal of the old sidewalk, installation of new storm sewers and catch basins, and a new pavement surface for the road. The new sidewalk will become slightly wider and will be constructed of concrete with decorative concrete inlays.

There will be some service disruption for local businesses during this project but the Municipality will endeavor with our contractor, Fowler Construction, to minimize this inconvenience to our local merchants as well as residents.

It is anticipated that completion of this project will be on or about November 15th. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation while we complete the first phase of our downtown revitalization to position the Village of Minden for future economic growth.

## Notice of Town Hall Meeting August 29th, 2012, 6:00pm

The residents of Minden Hills are invited to attend a public consultation/presentation by AECOM Planning Consultants for the Minden Village Development Plan being held on August 29th, 2012 at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena at 6:00pm to discuss items including streetscaping, signage, parking and traffic flow and public spaces. Question period to follow. Please plan to attend.

## Minden Hills Good Neighbour Award

Do you know someone, a permanent or seasonal resident, who is an unsung hero and has made Minden Hills a more enjoyable community in which to live? Consider nominating them for the Minden Hills Good Neighbour Award.

Nominations must be made in writing and submitted in confidence by September 30, 2012 to the Township of Minden Hills, care of the Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk.

Complete information on the nomination process, criteria, and nomination form is available on the Township website – www.mindenhills.ca or at the Minden Hills Township Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden, On K0M 2K0



### The Living Forest Part II: David Alexander Risk

David Alexander Risk is bringing his exhibition The Living Forest Part II to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on September 4th-8th. Risk is a self-taught Canadian wildlife artist uses a variety of media as well as his knowledge from field study to bring his paintings to life. This exhibition, The Living Forest, includes exquisite paintings and sketches from the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. They represent not only a year of intensive fieldwork but also the new book written by Peter Schlieffenbaum celebrating the vast facets of the "Forest". The artist talk and book signing will be held on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30pm at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

### Reigns of Chaos: Mary Anne Barkhouse

This exhibition by Mary Anne Barkhouse will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery September 12-November 3. Inspired by the Book of Revelations, The Reigns of Chaos explores cycles of conflict and resolution ...all for 25 cents a ride. Presented as a series children's toys, the horses that were originally the steeds for Pestilence, War, Famine and Death, are re-imagined as vehicles for 21st century anxiety and fear, with the accompanying imagery informed by natural and human history. The artist talk and opening reception will be held on Thursday, September 13 at 4:30pm

### New Exhibition at the Minden Hills Museum

"The Quilt – A Material Witness" is a new exhibit that will be on display in the Sterling Bank Building from Saturday August 4th through to October. This exhibit looks at the history of quilting from its original foundations and how it developed into the art form we know today.

For more information call 705-286-3763 or check our website at www.mindenculturalcentre.com

## Fire Calendar Winners

Calendar Winners for Minden Fire Department  
Week of August 20th – Debbie Sisson and Mike & Kelli McNaul

## Meetings And Events

**August 29th** 6:00pm Public Town Hall Meeting, S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena  
**August 30th** 9:00am Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)  
**September 1st** 8:00-11:30am Household Hazardous Waste Day, Scotch Line Landfill  
**September 3rd** Administration Office Closed for the Labour Day Holiday  
**September 13th** COTW/General Council Meeting **CANCELLED**  
**September 14th** 7:00pm Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre  
**September 20th** 9:00am Committee of the Whole Meeting, Minden Council Chambers (Public session at 10:00am)  
**September 27th** 9:00am Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00am)

## Request for Proposals

We are requesting proposals for the following:

**1. Renovations at 2 Prince Street – Deadline September 13th, 2012**  
Tenders will be accepted and received from qualified contractors in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Renovations at 2 Prince Street" by Thursday, September 13th, 2012 by 12:00 noon. There will be a MANDATORY site visit on Wednesday September 5th, 2012 at 10:00am. This site visit will take place at 2 Prince Street, Minden.

Any tenders are to be addressed to the following:

Township of Minden Hills  
Attention: Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations Manager  
PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON  
KOM 2K0

For full details, please visit www.mindenhills.ca or call Chris Voth, Environmental & Property Operations Manager at 705-286-1260, Ex. 216 (cvoth@mindenhills.ca). Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

## Notice

### Notice of Public Meeting and New Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting

Council will hold FOUR Public Meetings at their Council Meeting on August 30th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to consider:

- Public Meeting - RZ-12-08**  
Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 5, geographic Township of Snowdon
- Public Meeting - RZ-12-07**  
Part of Lot 10, Concession 5, geographic Township of Snowdon
- Public Meeting - RZ-12-09**  
Part of Lot 6, Concession A, geographic Township of Snowdon
- Consideration of the following amendments to the Tariff of Fees By-law
  - Schedule A: Building Department Fees**
    - Housekeeping changes – no fee increases
  - Schedule E: Roads Department Fees**
    - Housekeeping changes – moving "Consent – Application for Right-of-Way or Easement" fee to the Planning Department Schedule
  - Schedule F: Planning Department Fees**
    - Deposit for expenses amount and housekeeping
    - Housekeeping changes – moving "Consent – Application for Right-of-Way or Easement" fee from the Roads Department Schedule

ALSO: A new Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting has been arranged for Thursday, September 20th, 2012 (10:00 public session).

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## Haliburton County news

# County adds fourth ambulance

➤ Extra coverage should reduce response times across county

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County has a fourth ambulance on the ground.  
Staffed 12 hours a day, the emergency vehicle will tech-

nically begin serving the county on Sept. 23, but has been running through the summer as part of the county EMS department's summer enhancement program, which helps deal with the area's increased population during the cottaging season.

Stationed at the EMS base in Haliburton Village, the ambulance is staffed 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day and will help the department deal with increasing call volumes and out-of-county transfers.

"Those are the two big ones, and just trying to keep resources here to address local needs and reduce response times," said EMS director Pat Kennedy.

The vehicle and staffing costs for the year are about \$380,000, half of which is covered by the province.

The county's portion was included in this year's budget.

The county has two ambulances – one in Haliburton Village and one in Minden – manned 24 hours a day and another part-time vehicle stationed at the new standby base in Tory Hill which operates from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

"Basically it's a floater, it goes wherever the hole is," Kennedy said.

Call volumes for the summer have been about average but the number of fatalities higher than usual.

## TSW warns of low lake levels to come

Evaporation rates have led to lower than normal water levels across the Trent-Severn Waterway, prompting Parks Canada to further lower local lakes.

"Residents should be aware that dam operations undertaken this week and planned for next week could contribute to low water levels in the Haliburton reservoir lakes," a press release from canal operations director Roger Stanley

reads.

Environment Canada is predicting warmer than normal temperatures, which will accelerate evaporation, the press release said.

Parks Canada has a website for the public where updates on water levels can be found: [www.parksCanada.ca/trent](http://www.parksCanada.ca/trent).

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# Practising the art of multiple sclerosis

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Losing your ability to move would leave anyone frustrated.

But multiple sclerosis sufferer Jeff Pinney has learned to deal with his limitations and shares his perspective in his new book *Zen and the Art of Multiple Sclerosis*.

Pinney was amazed at the size of the audience and was appreciative of everyone who came to his reading and book launch at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Friday, Aug. 24.

"The best that I can hope for is if my book inspires somebody to get through their day. If you're suffering through an illness the secret is to live in the moment," he said, in a strained voice, a little louder than a whisper.

Bound by a wheelchair due to the lifetime neurological disease, he said meditation also helps. Pinney meditates every morning and evening, including when he is "overcome by an emotion."

The book, like the man, leaves you laughing and close to tears with his unflinching accounts and unique perspective of living with a debilitating illness.

Pinney has suffered with MS for 35 years and can barely remember what it's like to walk. Time is a little different for him. He measures it by what he used to do. He loved to paint and sculpt and has been unable to for years.

The book became his creative outlet. The self-effacing, bespectacled man is uncertain whether he'll write another book, waiting on feedback from his first effort.

Living in an old age home, his perspective on life is honest and direct.

"I never was told that it was time to die you have to wait in line and you might have to wait in line for 10 years in my case," he said. "So, I might be forced to write another one just to keep occupied."

Other than his sister, who also has MS, Pinney doesn't know anyone else with the incurable disease. He hopes to meet others with it.

Local poet Lea Harper, who read a few passages from his book, was impressed by his work, the "poetic lines" in the novel and Pinney's strength.

"The Art of MS was not just written for those suffering from a debilitating illness. This book is for everyone. For eventually we will all be asked to pass through the fire and hopefully with this much grace," she said.

Through it all he has always had his sense of humour. Pinney laughed after her reading.

"I was thinking, geez, I'm going to have to read this," he said. "I don't remember any of that. It's been a long time."

Friend and the novel's editor Douglas Smith MCed the launch.

He said listening to Harper awakened the feelings he had when he first read Pinney's words.

During the question and answer period, Pinney, who was a perfectionist when it came to art, addressed how he



Darren Lum Staff

Jeff Pinney, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, puts his fingerprint in his new book *Zen and the Art of Multiple Sclerosis* in lieu of an autograph, as he has little use of his hands. Pinney was at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Friday, Aug. 21. Pinney's book gives insight into the what its like to live with MS.

could sell some of his work (paintings or sculptures) that often took thousands of hours to complete or just enough money for groceries.

"If someone could see the emotion of a painting I felt like they should have it for grocery money," he said.

Don and Marie Gage said they have a painting Pinney did. Ten years ago they bought an oil painting measuring 24 by 24 of the "Old Walker Barn."

It has remained as the focal point of their living room just as he has remained a major part of their lives.

Musical guests Dave Fougère on guitar and Sheri Hawkins on bango were interspersed between readings

and speeches.

Hawkins, Pinney's friend for more than 30 years, finished the event with her rendition of the Johnny Cash favourite *Folsom Prison Blues*.

It was fitting as blues is about being trapped and knowing freedom is so close.

As the song's lyrics say, "And I'd let that lonesome whistle, blow my blues away."

To buy the book call Doug Smith at 705-286-4924 or buy it from Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden for \$14.

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# Sanctuary raising money for home for injured porcupine

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Meet Quill.

The aptly-named porcupine is a recent addition at the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary on Duck Lake Road outside of Minden.

While the sanctuary typically rehabilitates injured animals – some 350 a year – and releases them back into the wild, owner Monika Melichar isn't sure that Quill will be able to go back to life in the forest.

In June, Melichar was contacted by a woman from the Eagle Lake area who had what appeared to be a dizzy porcupine in her yard.

"She couldn't stand and she couldn't walk," Melichar says, explaining the animal was turning in circles and falling down.

Melichar said the woman's home was a fair distance from the road and the porcupine had no broken bones, scrapes, scratches or bite marks; no signs of a run-in with a car or other creature.

She did some research to find out what could be wrong with the animal.

"Porcupines can fall from trees," Melichar says.

And that's what she believes happened to Quill.

"It's like she has a bad concussion."

And Quill certainly doesn't behave the way one might expect a wild animal to.

When Melichar lets her out of her small cage, instead of darting for the nearby woods, she meanders along casually, unafraid of the humans around her.

She can be petted and even reaches up to meet oncoming hands with her paw the way a dog or cat might.

She walks along in wobbly fashion for a bit and then falls onto her back. She lays there momentarily before slowly rolling herself back to her feet and continuing to explore the yard. She falls and rolls again. And again.



Quill, a porcupine that Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary owner Monika Melichar believes fell from a tree, has trouble walking. Melichar is not sure whether the porcupine will be able to be released back into the wild and is raising funds to build her an enclosure.

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff

Under provincial legislation, animals can be in rehab for up to a year. After that, Melichar must obtain a permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources to keep her as an educational animal.

She has one other such creature on the property, a blue jay who wasn't able to fend for itself in the wild.

In the meantime, Melichar is hoping to build Quill a steel enclosure big enough for her to move about in and secure enough to keep her safe from fishers, which prey on porcupines.

The sanctuary, which Melichar, a University of Guelph-

trained zoologist, started in 2008, doesn't receive any government funding.

"We finance a lot of this stuff ourselves," she said.

Between food – Quill eats mostly vegetables – and structure and antibiotic costs, Melichar estimates it could cost some \$600 a year to keep Quill.

Anyone who wishes to help out can mail cheques to 2146 Duck Lake Rd., Minden, Ont., K0M 2K0; call 705-286-1133; or visit [www.redrockcircle.com](http://www.redrockcircle.com).

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Bell rings in school year with backpacks

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# OPP offer safety tips for long weekend

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OPP officers will be taking tough measures this weekend against those who place others at risk on roads, waterways and trails as part of their ongoing efforts to decrease fatalities and injuries caused by aggressive driving, distracted driving, seat belt non-compliance, impaired driving and failing to obey move over laws.

Sadly, heading into the last summer long weekend, it is shaping up to be a bad year for road fatalities with 232 people having died on roads and highways (within OPP jurisdiction as of Aug. 27), compared to 195 during the same time period last year. According to OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis, the solution to eliminating collisions and the senseless loss of life is as simple as making a firm commitment to good driving behaviour and obeying all of the laws in place to keep everyone safe.

Lewis noted that the term "accident" is no longer commonly used among OPP members when referring to collisions because it implies that no one is at fault when someone dies or is seriously injured. According to Lewis, there is almost always someone at fault and quite often it is not the person who is injured or killed.

"If someone else dies in a collision because you were

speeding or texting while driving, or because you decided to drive after having consumed alcohol, this is not an accident - this is a preventable incident that was caused because you were careless and chose to break the law and in the process, an innocent life was taken. Tragically, the person or persons who died had no hand in the costly decision that you made and this is what makes it extremely difficult for the families of the victims to deal with," added Lewis.

"Our statistics show that in most of the road, marine and trail incidents we investigate, the causal factor is attributable to human error and/or bad judgement and could have been prevented if everyone simply obeyed our laws because they do save lives," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, provincial commander of traffic safety.


"We would prefer to not have to lay any charges at all this weekend and would rather see people be fully compliant with our laws," said Chief Superintendent Don Bell, Commander of the OPP highway safety division. "Because of the increased number of motorists, boaters and trail users out on long weekends, we know that there will be more careless, inattentive people to deal with and we fully expect to lay numerous charges in our ongoing efforts to save lives and make our roads, waterways and trails safer," added Bell.

-Submitted by the OPP

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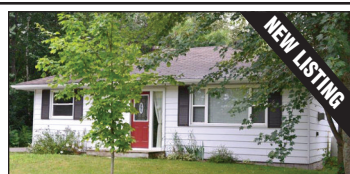
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Nathan Keoughan as Sarastro in the Magic Flute at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Sunday, Aug. 26. Photo by Dawn Martens

# The Magic Flute whistles at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Angelica Blenich  
Staff reporter

The Highlands Opera Studio debuted the classic piece *The Magic Flute*, by German composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Aug. 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

The first of three performances, the opera is a philosophical tale that incorporates a dangerous Queen of the Night and a handsome prince named Tamino.

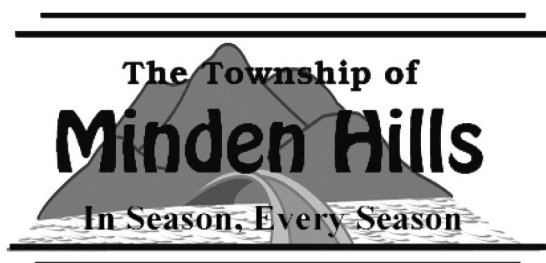
A story of myth and magic, *The Magic Flute* features music by Mozart as well as spoken dialogue. The original premiere occurred on Sept. 30, 1791 in Vienna, Austria.

The Haliburton production features Robert Clark as Tamino and Teiya Kasahara as the Queen of the Night.

Other performers in the opera include Lisa Di Maria as Pamina, Andrew Love as Papageno and Sarah Vardy as the First Lady.

*The Magic Flute* will be performed on Aug. 28 and 30.

For more information on the show and how to get tickets visit [www.highlandsoperastudio.com](http://www.highlandsoperastudio.com) or call 705-457-9933.



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Left, Chilco and the band.  
Right, dancing the night away.  
/Photos submitted



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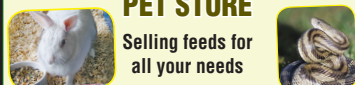
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - Business After Hours at Kawartha Lakes Food Source  
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# Kash Dash success owed to its volunteers

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

The biggest winners in the Kash End of Summer Dash race weren't even competing.

With 82 runners in the two fields (10 kilometre race and a one kilometre Kids' Run), the annual running race has consistently drawn participation and money for a good cause.

For 15 years, this event has helped East African communities through the work by the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR).

CPAR is a not-for-profit working towards building healthy communities in East Africa.

They partner with communities helping them access clean water, adequate food, primary health services and a safe and healthy environment.

Dr. Steve Ferracuti, who has organized the event since it started, said the success after all these years is owed to the many volunteers who have given their time and effort.

The 10 kilometre race started and ended at the Wigamog Inn just outside Haliburton.

CPAR executive director Kevin O'Brien addressed the runners before the 10 kilometre run.

Bernie Hogan of Bancroft finished first with a time of 35:05 while Mike Armstrong of Haliburton was the top local finisher in fourth.

Fourteen-year-old Cameron Cira shocked a lot of people finishing third with a time of 38:58.

Top female was Amy McIntyre of Udora with a time of 44:09 while Sue Shikaze of Haliburton was the top local female and finished fourth.



Above, 24 children participants run from the start of the one kilometre Kids' Run in the the Kash End of Summer Dash running race that started and ended in front of the Wigamog Inn on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Far left, Evan Thomas, 10, of Mississauga charges down the final stretch.

Left, Charlotte Paton runs the final stretch.

/Photos by Darren Lum



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Bob and Sylvie enjoy the sunset under the picnic shelter down at the park.  
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# Hike Haliburton expands multi-day event

Story by Angelica Blenich

This year marks a big birthday for the Hike Haliburton Festival and organizers got a present to celebrate the occasion. Marking its 10th year, the annual festival was the recipient of a \$15,800 Celebrate Ontario grant. The infusion of funds, along with the anniversary, have led organizers to expand the multi-day event, which will take place from Sept. 20 to the 23.

An initiative of the county, Hike Haliburton will be overseen by project manager Barrie Martin, who facilitated last year's event.

Festival plans for this year include expanding the event to include 40 guided hikes of all lengths and levels of difficulty. Hikes will be located throughout the county in each of the four municipalities, said Maria Micallef, tourism co-ordinator for Haliburton County.

"Last year we had 500 participants attend the events, the majority of which were local residents," she said.

This year the marketing strategy was to focus on bringing people from outside the county to the festival, said Micallef. To do this the festival has been lengthened by one day and a free barbecue and concert will kick-off the event on Sept. 20 in Minden.

Discounts with accommodators, restaurants and other local businesses have been established to help promote the festival and attract participants.

Funds from the grant will be going specifically to entertainment costs and enhancing the activities, said Micallef.

A headliner concert featuring Whitehorse with Luke Doucet and Melissa McClelland will be held on Sept. 21 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. On the evening of Sept. 22 a Blister Ball will be held at the Stanhope Community Centre with live music provided by the Wolfgang Brothers.

"It's a free dance for anybody, it's not just for registrants of Hike Haliburton. It's just in celebration of Hike Haliburton ... just come out and have fun, take your shoes off and dance the night away," said Micallef.

New this year is the incorporation of mystery celebrity

hikers, who will be co-leading some of the hikes, however, details are being kept top secret.

"The idea is when you're out there on any of the 40 hikes [the celebrity] will pop up at a hike and you don't know who it is. You'll know when you see them ... there will be appearances at some of the entertainment as well."

The tourism co-ordinator is looking forward to the festival, which she said has been successful since its inception.

"It just keeps building and growing ... it's a family event and about getting outside. There's something for everyone," she said.

The county will be tracking visitors through registra-

tion forms and organizers are asking people to register for hikes in advance, to ensure things run smoothly.

"This is the one that we're hoping will get that draw of people from outside the county, who will come and stay on a yearly basis," said Micallef.

Volunteers and sponsorships are still being sought out by event organizers. If interested contact Martin at 705-754-3436 or email [info@yoursoutdoors.ca](mailto:info@yoursoutdoors.ca). Information for the Hike Haliburton Festival, including descriptions of the hikes, concerts, events and a map can be found at [www.haliburtonholidays.com/fall/hikehaliburton.asp](http://www.haliburtonholidays.com/fall/hikehaliburton.asp). Tickets must be picked up in advance for festival events, including the free concerts and barbecue. For more information contact the county office at 705-286-1777.

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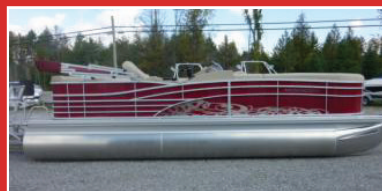
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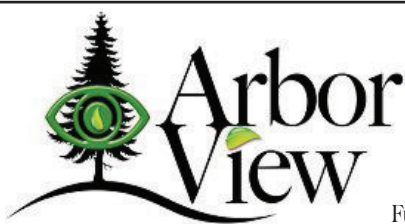
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# Cottagers care about Haliburton's youth

Story by Janet Trull

Sometimes it seems like residents and cottagers inhabit separate worlds. Bryan Baker and his wife Andrea Matheson, Davis Lake cottagers, are working to change that.

"We enjoy the beauty of Haliburton Highlands," Baker says, "but we are also aware that there is a great need for community services here, where the incidence of childhood poverty is among the highest in the province."

Baker has focused his volunteer and financial support on Point in Time, a local organization that believes, "when children or youth have difficulties the whole family is affected."

Their aim is to promote the well-being of children, youth and parents in Haliburton County with a wide range of services.

Whether children or youth have mental health issues, are experiencing conflict at school or home, are at risk with the law, or are in need of counselling, Point in Time can help.

Point in Time also runs recreation programs and summer adventure camp, offering positive environments and relationships that can lead to hopeful futures.

What can one cottager do? Bryan Baker invited the Davis Lake Cottagers' Association to participate in a fundraiser at his cottage on Aug. 11. He hired a live band, the hugely popular Fiddlestix, and sent out invitations. When the dark clouds threatened to rain on the party, he tarped up an area for the band and made a last minute trip to town to buy a tent. The weather co-operated, however, and donations rolled in for Point in Time.

Marg Cox, the organization's executive director, was thrilled with the generous response of the Davis Lake cottagers and other guests. Bryan and Andrea want to issue a challenge to all cottager associations to support local organizations in the Highlands, from food banks to service groups.



Marg Cox and Bryan Baker met up at the Point in Time Fundraiser at Baker's cottage. Photo submitted by Marg Cox

"We feel a responsibility to give back to the community where we derive so much enjoyment," Baker says.

Marg Cox also wants to thank Baker for securing a large gift for Point in Time from CIBC Wood Gundy, where he is first vice president.

The Children's Miracle Foundation made a donation of \$10,000, which will go a long way to maintain programming.

Point In Time is a charitable, not-for-profit organization. Donate financially if you can, or donate your time through volunteering. Point in Time is looking to recruit drivers and respite volunteers. For more information, check out the website: [www.pointintime.ca](http://www.pointintime.ca).

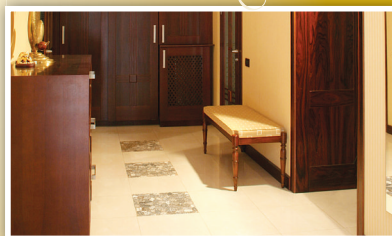


Andrea Baker, Bryan Baker, Colleen Suddaby and Carl Hoffman (Fiddlestix band member). Submitted by Andrea Baker

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# Catch of the day



Issac Little caught this fish on Sherborne Lake near Dorset. Submitted by Jennifer Little



Maddox Jones from Dartmouth, N.S., fishing on Pelaw River. Photo submitted by Laura Smith



Jonathan (JJ) Nussbaum caught a largemouth bass on Lake Kashagawigamog on Thursday, Aug. 2 Submitted by Brad Nussbaum



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# Rally worth the trip

Story and photos by Barbara Shaw

If you're one of the many who close-up the cottage around Thanksgiving weekend consider making a change this year that includes a trip to Bancroft in late November.

While not always the nicest weather, a trip to Bancroft on Nov. 23 and 24 will give you enough excitement to stay warm for a few days.

Each November, high performance cars flood into the town for an incredibly exciting event. After racing all summer at different locations across the country, rally drivers from Canada and the U.S. hit Bancroft for the final event of the Canadian Rally Championships.

Tall Pines is the final race for a group of competitors who are willing to go all out and drive hard to take home a title.

If you're not familiar with rally, it's an interesting sport. Cars with all-wheel drive and super-charged engines race through our back roads one after another. They transition from gravel to hard top to dirt at high speeds with one driver behind the wheel and a co-driver giving directions and course notes in the passenger seat.

For those of us who drive these roads every day the event is that much more thrilling.

The cars are fast and often don't make the tight corners; ending up in pieces.

Each year there are more than 50 cars that enter but stage after gruelling stage, the numbers drop and only the best and those with lots of luck will finish.

Because of the late November race date the weather is always part of the excitement. In the past five years there have been snow events, icy-cold windy events and last year's unseasonably warm temperatures were a treat for spectators. And when it comes to spectating, many of those who return year after year are hoping for the



A car races towards the crowd of cheering spectators at the 2011 Rally of the Tall Pines in Bancroft. The warm temperature on race day made it great for those spending long hours spectating.

magical winter roads/summer ditches combination that challenges drivers and sends car after car into our rocky, dry and unforgiving ditches.

The rally runs in different stages through the Saturday and spectators are given details on where they can watch. The majority of fans end up at the Iron Bridge spectating area to hang with other enthusiasts and enjoy the live commentating. There are barbecues, chip trucks and lots of camaraderie.

The staging area and rally headquarters transforms the Dungannon Recreation Centre in L'Amable into a race fan's paradise with cars and their teams ready to interact with the public. You can wander through the teams and watch as they repair cars, swap tires and study course notes.

Food is always served out of the community centre for those needing a bite to eat or a place to have a rest.

The rally organizers started a VIP program in 2002 and it has sold-out each year. Providing transportation to viewing areas and heated spectating stages, a catered meal and access to the awards event, it's a great way to get a close look at rally.



A Subaru rounds the corner at the Iron Bridge in Bancroft. This spot gives spectators a great up-close view of the action.

Subaru Imprezas are a racing model of choice. The light, fast cars are built for these road conditions.

Tall Pines does well for a number of reasons. It's extremely interactive and participants are happy to chat with fans. The spectators are friendly and knowledgeable and the event is just plain exciting.

You don't just see the cars as they power by; you feel the sounds of their engines deep in your gut as they get closer and then as they shoot up the gravel going past the cheering fans.

These drivers take on the locals roads the way we all want to. They have courage, great cars and a fearlessness that makes Tall Pines worth a trip in late November.

For more on Tall Pines please visit [tallpinesrally.com](http://tallpinesrally.com).

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# Canning Lake hosts fun day



A group of kids pass a cup full of water over and then under to the back of their line at the Canning Lake Fun Day on Aug. 4 in Ingoldsby.



Photos  
by Scott  
Wheeler

Children race to blow bubbles with Grace, left, getting some help from her dad.



The clown hands out 50th anniversary balloons to the adults as well.



Abby races to fill her team's bucket with water on Aug. 4 in Ingoldsby. The game was part of the Canning Lake Fun Day held every summer.



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# Training Special Olympics athletes

Story by Janet Trull

Photos by Angelica Blenich

**H**aliburton County is teeming with volunteers – many you wouldn't think of at first. One of those is a special group called the Red Wolves.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves, a volunteer organization in the Highlands, is part of Special Olympics Ontario. They offer year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Local athletes benefit from continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves, established in 1996 by Linda Brandon of Minden, includes athletes who range in age from 11 to 65. Yvette Brauer, the co-ordinator of the group, talks with pride about the four sports that athletes in the community can participate in. "The Red Wolves have room to grow," Brauer says. "So, if you know of someone with a disability who would like to check them out, they are most welcome."

**Softball** John Kellett, head coach for the organization, runs this program on Monday afternoons at the diamond beside the arena in Haliburton from the beginning of June until September. At the moment they do not have a full roster so anyone is welcome to join them for exercise, friendship and fun.

**Golf** Rick West is the golf coach, meeting with athletes at the Haliburton Driving Range from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings all summer. The owner, Wade Greer, has provided his facility, including the mini-putt course, at no cost. Special Olympics Ontario held its Eastern Qualifier at Pinestone Golf on Aug. 23, where local athletes joined athletes from across Eastern Ontario to play golf, meet old friends and make new ones.

**Bowling** 25 bowlers meet at The Fast Lane in Minden on Wednesdays during the school year between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Rick West is the coach and Bernice Murray is the assistant coach. Volunteers are always welcome as scorers, encouragers and friends. The team would love to see more "guys" volunteering this year.

**Curling** Bruce Fisher is the lead coach for this winter sport with 14 participating athletes. They curl on Mondays at 4 p.m. at the Minden Curling Club, which provides their facility at no cost. The Special Olympics tankard event, to be held in November, is a preliminary to the provincial games. If the team does well, they could even go on to the

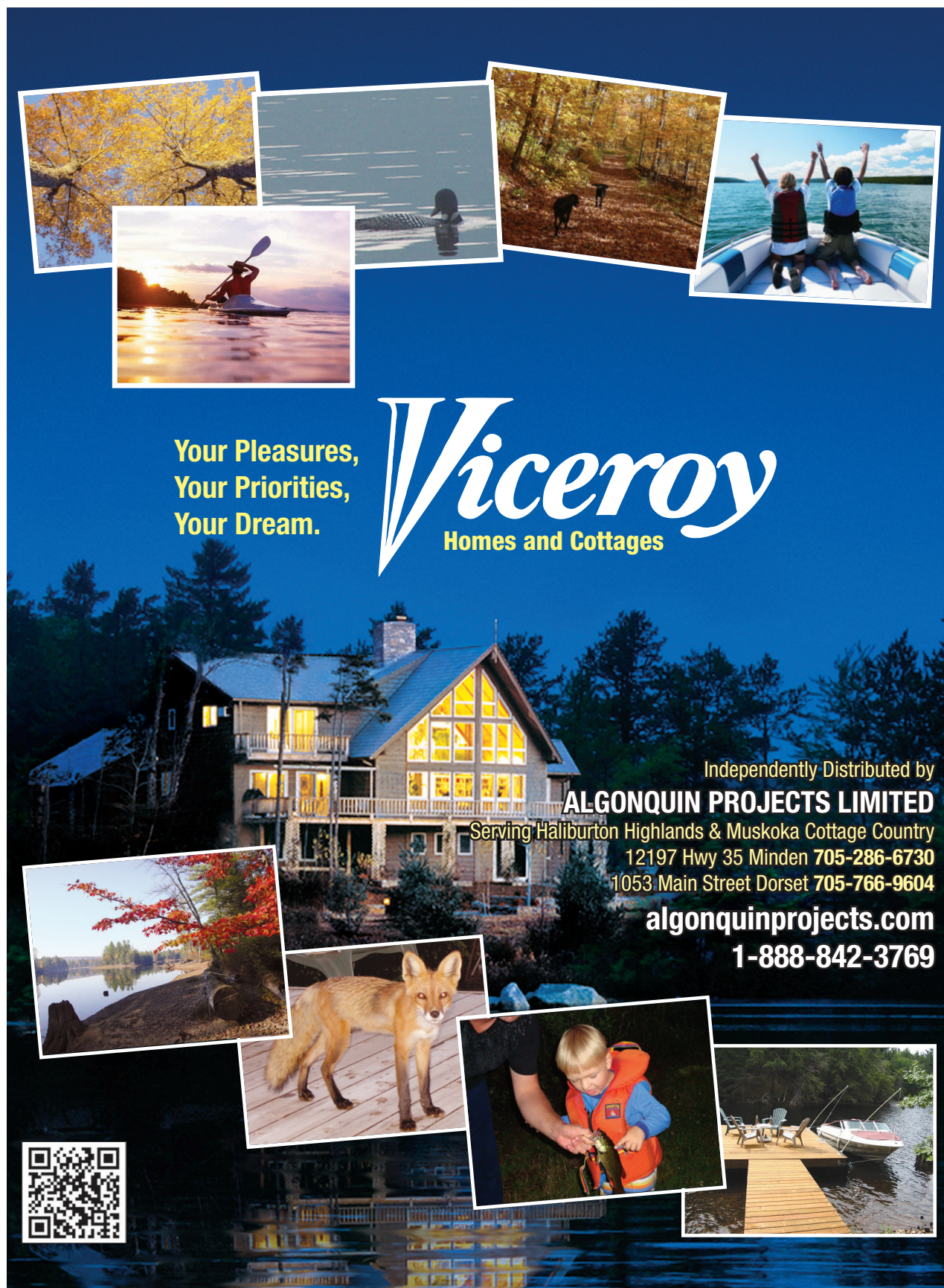
nationals. Train hard, team!

Alyssa Denyer, a student at Haliburton High, says of her experience as a volunteer with the Red Wolves: "Curling with the Red Wolves was truly a blast. They are some of the most fun people on the planet. A lot of us were really competitive, but it was still non-stop smiles. I felt it was a great experience for everyone, no matter how many times we lost to Dawn and her team, I always looked forward to

getting on the ice with every one after school."

Fundraising efforts cover all the teams' costs. Athletes are provided with team shirts, jackets, bowling shoes and curling equipment. Transportation for training and


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Volunteer Val Richards, left, draws a name out of the drum during the Red Wolves picnic at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park on Aug. 19 with the help of Trevor Brauer.



# A sure sign

Story and photo by Steve Galea

Forget about the chill of morning or the noticeable shortening of the days. Ignore, if you can, the Canada geese, as they test their voices and wings, over our windswept lakes and sun-burnt fields. Disregard the nervous breeze or the dramatic, cot-

tony clouds scudding over a fading summer sky, or the fact that the small-mouth bass are once again frequenting the shallows in hopes of fattening up before a winter of dormancy.

For it is not in these things.

Instead, it skitters over the treetops and perches precariously on the brittle tips of swaying cattails. It squeals,

chirps and whistles and gathers in great flocks. It sweeps across the sky with a rush and a swoosh that makes a person look to the heavens and smile.

A great congregation of blackbirds (whether red-winged, starlings or grackles) is, to me at least, a sure sign of autumn's onset.

To see them in their full glory, you need to spend an early morning in a late-September marsh.

Then, you'll see them settle on a sea of cattails and rushes and roost in the trees.

They'll rise to the sound of a passing boat, take panicked, sweeping flights at the approach of a merlin or northern harrier and fly by in flocks that undulate like waves over the landscape and take minutes to pass.

But, despite that blushing of maple leaves down the road, that glorious time is yet to come.

So, for now, all we can do is marvel at the glory of late summer.

Who could not stand in awe at the seemingly random flight of a monarch butterfly as it casually flits its orange

wings and drifts aimlessly and opaque against the clear blue sky? And, though they will soon be gone, for now we can also enjoy the wildflowers – all purples, pinks, whites, yellows and oranges – that adorn the fields and roadside ditches. And watch reverently as deer, all sleek and well fed, stand like statues among them.

These, after all, are the things that we will recall when frost takes root in the earth and a vibrant palette of leaves crowns the trees.

These are the things that will be pale memories when our wood ducks pick up from the quiet ponds for the last time this season.

And, when the moose come to rut and migrant flights of woodcock drop into the creek bottoms and dank places, these things will be long gone for another year.

And somewhere in some marsh, a flock of blackbirds, hundreds wide and thousands deep, will continue their journey south, their time here done. And autumn's bluster will take hold once again.

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<p><b>Highland St. Stage at Foodland</b></p> <p>9:45 to 4:15pm - MC Mark Crocker</p> <p>9:45 am - Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>10 am - MacLay Experience</p> <p>11 am - Trina West</p> <p>12 noon - Jazz Kitchen</p> <p>1:15 pm - Custom Blend</p> <p>2:15 pm - Barbara Doran</p> <p>3:30 pm - River Junction Band</p>	<p><b>Head Lake Park Stage at the Band Shell</b></p> <p>9:45 to 1pm - MC Mike Jaycock</p> <p>1 pm to 4:15 pm - MC Rick Lowes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome</p> <p>10 am - Highlands Swing Band</p> <p>11 am - Amelia &amp; The Mayor</p> <p>12 noon - Carl Dixon</p> <p>1:15 pm - The Moontones</p> <p>2:15 pm - Steve Rivers,</p> <p>Jesse Slack &amp; the Honky Tonk Revival</p> <p>3:30 pm - CampX</p>
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**Pancake Breakfast** • Haliburton United Church- 8am to 11 am  
**Vintage Car Show** • Home Hardware/Haleco Plaza 10 am to 4 pm  
**Farmer's Market** • Head Lake Park • 9 am to noon  
**IAMS Pet Contest** • 10:30 am Head Lake Park  
**Reptiles at Risk** • 9:30 to 2:30 pm • Head Lake Park  
**Shout Sister** • 1 pm on Highland Street 2:30 pm • Head Lake Park  
**Kids' Colour Splash** • 10:30 am to 2 pm  
**Ring Toss, Fish Pond & Minnow Races** • 9:30 am to 4 pm  
**Dancing in the Street** • 11am, 12 noon, 1pm & 2 pm  
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Signs of Autumn draw our attention to the coming congregation of blackbirds readying for their migration south.



# Preserving the vegetable garden

Story and photo by Lea Kitler

Summer holidays are over, kids are heading back to school and the farm begins to quiet down for the season. Soon the days will be shorter, the warm winds will blow away and the leaves will begin to change colour. This is my favourite time of the year. But before we begin to slow down, we have a lot of work to do to preserve our product and our gardens.

Throughout August and into late September we finish harvesting every last bit of herbs, fruits, beans, garlic and vegetables that we can gather. Some things are sun dried while other product is chopped up and stewed for hours in the outdoor oven to make a variety of different tasty sauces to enjoy all year long. We make our own pizza and pasta sauce, hot sauces, ketchup, pickles, jams and wild apple preserves.

Harvesting the St. Croix, Frontenac and Chaumac red grapes are one of my favourite things to do on the farm. We cut the grapes off the vines in late September and place them in the crusher. Turning the crank slowly we marvel as the red juice

flow into the buckets. This year for our Thanksgiving dinner we will taste our first bottles of wine from last year's crop.

Just as important as harvesting all the fruits and product from the fields are the fields themselves. We take the time to collect the manure that our animals have left behind and spread it over our gardens. We spend hours raking leaves, collecting ashes from the woodstoves and mixing them into the soil. All of these ingredients will begin to decay throughout the winter creating a lush soil base for the next year's harvest.

Growing fresh product into the fall and winter this year will be much easier with the outdoor greenhouse but we still have a learning curve to go through with regards to heating the space. We plan to grow lettuce, spinach, sprouts, and tomatoes for the most part and to do it without electricity. We hope to install a solar collector and with the right amount of insulation in the building we should have product into early December.

As the years pass, I am reminded of how all of this started for me. One morning, I needed an egg to make an omelet. Instead of going to the grocery store for a dozen,

I decided to stop by the co-op and order some day old chicks. I have never bought an egg since. After being somewhat successful with the hens we have expanded our animals to goats and pigs. We use the goat milk for drinking and we make our own cheese. The milk is also used in our 14 varieties of Goat Milk Soap. We raise the pigs for the summer and we harvest

them in the fall. As the year begins to slow down we pack away all the garden tools in the same shed as we store our maple syrup equipment. It won't be long and we will start the cycle all over again.

Lea Kitler is one half of the Magnificent Hill farming duo, which includes Diane Doiron. The farm is located at 1258 Magnificent Road in Highland Grove.



Even though the garden is almost done given us her bounty, we must honor her and preserve as many of her crop as possible. We will make jams, jellies, freeze and dry enough product for us and for our farm gate during the fall. Finally at Thanksgiving we will harvest our grapes and make a batch of wine for winter drinking.

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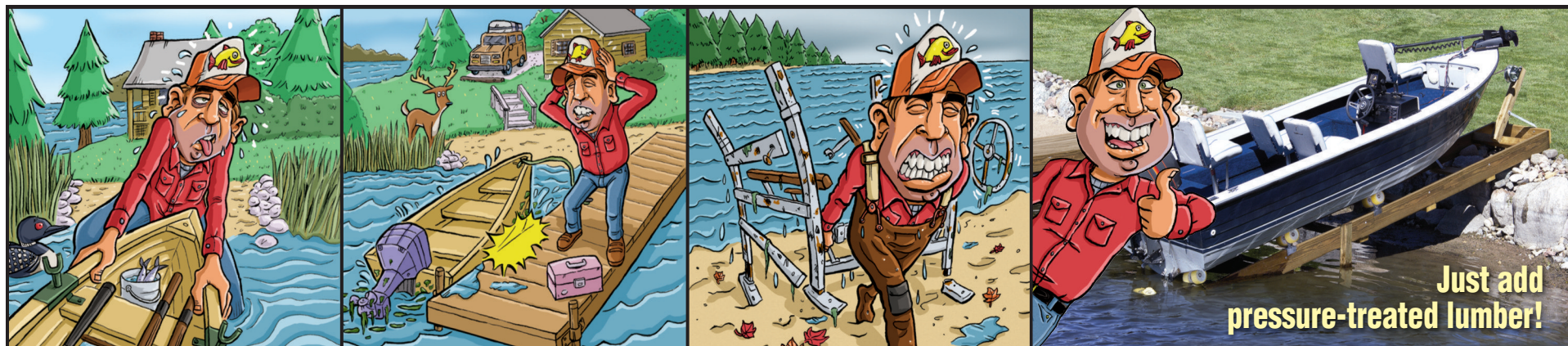
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# Volunteer fair offers variety of opportunities

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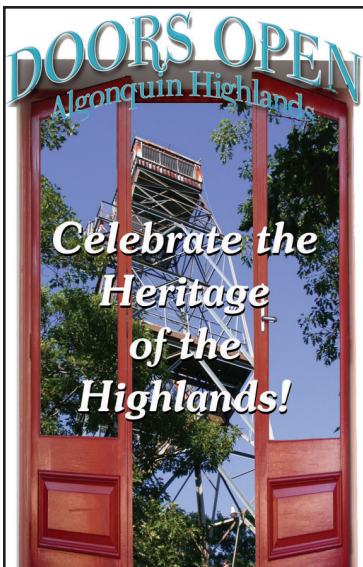
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The Red Wolves Special Olympics athletes gathered for a picnic at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount on Aug. 19.

Front row from left, Bernice Murray, Dawn Piercey, Robin Fletcher, Lisa Burk (sitting). Middle row from left, Maryanne Stammers, Jamie, Nate Heatherington, Brent Leffering, Doug Johnson. Back row from left, Jerry Corby, Ross Anderson, Josh Grant, Brad Trumbull and Jason Hollowell.



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# My excellent Lost Angeleez adventure

## Maybelle's



## Fireside stories

**W**hy if ol' Maybelle isn't all excited to tell you about my excellent adventure in Lost Angeleez, don'tcha know. It was on my bucket list so I figured, Maybelle ... just do it! And boy was I lucky, having my old childhood friend, Morlin McCentsteller as my host.

There she was at LAX (the airport not the laxative) looking wayyy younger than me, thanks to her husband, Mel, nipping and

tucking at her. He's a cosmetic sturgeon, uh SURgeon, don'tcha know.

HONK! HONK! Hey Lady! Los Angeleez drivers have fleas in their pants. So off we went with half my suitcase sticking out her trunk.

Before I knew it, we were driving through Beverly Hills past palm trees and houses the size of hotels. Why I looked for people, but no folks were on the streets, except for professional dog-walkers and gardeners, don'tcha know.

Then at the bottom of Morlin's hilltop house (across the street from where Fred Astaire and Mary Pickford used to live) she pulls out a small contrapulation, clicks it, and if two big ol' iron gates don't open their jaws letting us in.

Well, I had never seen such a place, except on those TV travel programs. Why there was a big ol' swimming pool, tennis court, and all kinds of statues in the garden. What a change from our childhood days in Lake WhaddyathinkImean.

So we go inside and Morlin says: "Bob'll fix your jet lag." And shazam! In walks her very own personal trainer, all tanned and, dare I say, BUFFED?!

I'll tell you, BOB was a sight for bored eyes. Why my grey hair is still turning red just thinking about him. And if he didn't have me move parts of this ol' body I forgot I had. And real slowww, too. Said it had something to do with clearing out my lymph nodes, don'tcha node.

Then the next day, Morlin drives us all the way to Venice Beach. What a place that was. You'd think it was Halloween. But that's just how folks dress there. Bikinied Barbies on roller skates ... chalk artists in Mad Hatter hats.

And the shops! Why there was even a store selling Botox treatments and stuff that blows your lips up real big. Thought that might be kinda fun. So yours truly

now looks like Anjolina Jolly without the Pitt.

Why the air was so thick with a feeling of "Why not?" that ol' Maybelle even got a tattoo. Of a moose, don'tcha know. 'Course I had to have it engraved on the bottom of my foot ... the only place that wasn't wrinkled!

Then off we went filling up on tacos at Holy Guacamole. Oh my goodness they were good. And if that wasn't enough, we drove a good 40 minutes to famous Melrose Avenue to get our fill of even more sights.

Why, you should have seen the outfits on those girls. Up in Lake WhaddyathinkImean we wear bluejeans so loose you can fit longjohns under them. But in Lost Angeleez, girls wear stretchy jeans so tight the veins in their legs pop. The only things I want popping are my Rice Crispies.

Then there was "The Grove." What an outdoor shopping mall that was. A dancing fountain with syncopated music, sidewalk cafes, a really big movie theatre with people working there dressed like the old Philip Morris fella ... pill box hat and gold buttoned uniform. Just like Hollywood in the old days.

And the next day, when Morlin and I stopped into a hardware store, who do you think was walking out? LEONARD NEMOY. That's right. I'd know him anywhere, even without his pointy Star Trek ears.

Those 10 days sure were exciting. And so was my flight back.

Why that airplane had some transponder troubles or the like, plus it was like pea soup in the cabin, something about the ventilation system getting a rabbit caught in the pipes.

So the gal next to me is shvitzing on my tamale sandwich and her husband needs mouth-to-mouth regurgitation, when an overhead compartment door flies open, hits the stewardess in the head and she falls smack in their laps spilling Bloody Mary's all over the place.

But, ya know ... it made me feel right at home. For those of you who listen to my radio show, *Fireside Stories from Lake WhaddyathinkImean*, you know how

crazy things can get. Well, I'm back home now with my pet bear, Bogart (gee, I missed him) and all my good friends. And I can tell you this ...

As excellent as my Lost Angeleez adventure was ... to ol' Maybelle ... there's no place like home.

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# Stand tall

Story by Steve Galea

Photos by Jenn Watt

**L**ife was fine at our table at the Dominion Hotel – right up until a sound bite from that stupid song blared across the room.

Though I immediately lunged and pulled the radio's plug, I wasn't quick enough. So fellow reporter Chad Ingram and I were briefly subjected to Burton Cummings singing a line from what we short people consider one of the most offensive songs ever.

"Stand tall..." he crooned.

"Did you hear that?" Chad asked. "More height discrimination!"

There and then, I knew that things were about to get awkward.

You see, Chad, who at five-foot-four is what I'd generally consider tall and lanky, was suddenly reminded of his height.

Perhaps he was being oversensitive after having recently been escorted off the premises of a George Richards Big and Tall Menswear store after getting lost in a three-piece suit. Or maybe it had something to do with the fact that he recently mistook a crawl space for a basement with a cathedral ceiling. Whatever the reason, his height was getting him down.

As someone who once made a decent living as the groom on high-end wedding cakes, I could relate.

It is true that we vertically challenged people face a glass ceiling – one that, to add insult to injury, we have to use a ladder to reach. But, I've always maintained that there is no use getting upset over that glass ceiling – unless of course a highland pipe band wearing kilts is on the floor above you.

"If only we could stand tall," he said.

"It would take a miracle," I muttered.

Suddenly, a miracle worker walked right through the door.

"Did I hear someone say they wanted to stand tall?" Sarah Adams chirped.

"Sure," said Chad. "But unless you've got some way to incite a stubborn growth spurt, it's not going to happen."

Sarah, who works for the Haliburton



Miracle worker Sarah Adams helps Steve and Chad "stand tall" with some ladies' high heels.

County YWCA, was undeterred. She expertly sized up our feet and then pulled two pairs of red ladies' high heels from her purse.

"Try these on," she said.

"There's nothing you can say that would make us wear shiny red ladies' high heels," I muttered. "Absolutely nothing."

"Me neither," said Chad. "I've got far too much dignity."

"You'll gain three inches in height," she said.

Walking in high heels is not as easy as you might think. But soon Chad



Steve and Chad wobble their way along Minden's Riverwalk helping Sarah Adams scout a route for Walk A Mile In Her Shoes.

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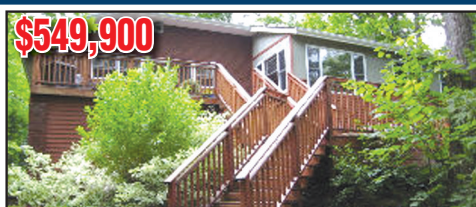
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# Being tall is not all it's cracked up to be

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and I were strolling down Minden's Riverwalk, which is coincidentally along the same route that Sarah wanted to scout for the upcoming YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. Accompanying her on the walk seemed like the least we could do. Plus, she said if we didn't, we'd have to give the shoes back.

It turns out Sarah knows a lot of people. Practically every car that drove by honked its horn and a few even whistled.

"You think anyone has noticed our shoes?" Chad asked uncomfortably.

"Nah!" I said, "They're marveling at our height."

"Sure," Sarah said, "Hey Steve, I'm trying to predict liability issues for the Walk. Could you try to walk on this grassy slope?"

After using my heels as picks to crawl out of the river and up the steep bank, I began to realize that being tall is not all it's cracked up to be.

For one thing, my feet really hurt. And, you know, the air up there wasn't



After attempting a steep slope in heels, Steve takes a dip in the Gull River.

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Chad pampers Steve's feet at Ommh Beauty Boutique after a hard day in ladies' heels

# Wear high heels for a good cause

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any better either.

Still, Sarah insisted that we finish the whole route with her – despite the fact that, in that short walk, Chad and I had both developed life-threatening bunions.

Fortunately, as we passed the Ommh Beauty Boutique on the way back, Sean and the gang had already received Sarah's 911 call and were ready with a full foot rehabilitation program.

There, because no one else wanted to do it, Chad and I decided to take turns pampering each other's feet. He had just finished working on mine before I decided that it was a horrible idea, however. So the deal was immediately discontinued.

In the end, Chad and I agreed that though it was nice to be tall for a while, the cost was too high. And though we did help Sarah get familiar with the pitfalls of her route, enjoyed the scenic Riverwalk, and got whistled at by passing truckers, something just didn't feel right about the experience.

Maybe it was because we wore those ruby slippers. Whatever the case, all I can say is there's no place like Ommh.

Hey guys, forget about height issues and really bad fashion. If you want to wear high heels for a good cause, participate in the YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on Oct. 20. It's a light-hearted event that encourages men to wear heels and walk a mile through Minden in support of abused women.

All proceeds will help women and their children who are victims of domestic violence in Haliburton County. High registration numbers will mean higher awareness of the life-saving services available to women at the YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County, such as HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace).

To register for the event or to pledge a walker, contact Sarah at [sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca](mailto:sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca), or visit [www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com](http://www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com) during the first week of September. And, don't worry, the YWCA provides the shoes!

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# That just-dumped feeling

Story and photo by Janet Trull

**S**o, you cleaned out the shed and now you have 10 years' worth of unfinished projects, wrecked air mattresses and ruined lawn furniture piled on your driveway.

It's got to go somewhere.

Gone are the days when you could load this embarrassing heap in the back of the truck and throw it away without a second thought. It will take some planning before you make the trek to your local landfill site.

- Have your ID card ready. Is it orange or purple this year?

- Have your garbage packaged properly in clear plastic garbage bags. Or white. Or green if you smile and look kind of simple. Rules are sometimes flexible. Sometimes not.

- Make sure your recyclables are sorted and your cardboard flattened. There is always a bit of a back-up at the recycle bins. Some people (like me for instance) have not been able to train their families to put paper in one bin, plastic and glass in the other. So we tend to sort as we toss. Apologies to those of you who have it all done efficiently ahead of time. You deserve a tax credit.

- Get familiar with the geography of your dump. Electronics? The old blue ghetto blaster is headed to the electronics shed. Wood? Metal? There are special piles for those. Old motor oil? Come back on Hazardous Waste Day.

My heart speeds up a bit as I wait in a line-up of cars and pick-ups to see if the landfill associate will wave me in.

It's a little like crossing the border. Don't even think about try-

ing to sneak past the entry shack with Grampa's armchair or an old stove. Get your wallet out. It's going to cost you.

Once you get inside, you have to follow the established route. Recycle area first. Smash go the bottles.

Depending on the site, there may be a box that you can put your liquor, wine and beer bottles in so they can be returned to the beer store for deposit money. I imagine this income provides for improvements in the staff lounge, like air-conditioning and leather furniture and Febreeze.

Next, you follow the signage to "household garbage," a dog's breakfast of diapers and dollar-store detritus: waste from the failed civilization known as humanity. Apologize to Mother Earth as you chuck your collection of mouldy old crap into the sky-high heap. Sure, you probably have a couple of clear garbage bags full of acceptable garbage too. Good for you. Let's try for more of that next time. Someday, you promise, you will stop buying so much cheap, useless "stuff," but right now, you are caught in the downward spiral of consumerism with everybody else. Store ... five minutes of fun ... shed ... dump.

Scavenging is frowned upon in these modern times, but if you spot a treasure, there is no shame in liberating it from landfill. Every cottage should display at least one "good find" from the dump.

When you have emptied your trunk, hop into the car and close the door fast so the flies and seagulls and horrible reek do not try to come home with you. At the exit gate, you may endure a quick moment of anxiety, worrying that you will be stopped and interrogated about



While scavenging is frowned upon elsewhere, no cottage is complete without a "good find" from the landfill.

the clang of metal that occurred when you tossed Uncle Donny's nuts and bolts collection onto garbage mountain.

Finally, you can breathe the fresh air

of freedom as you cruise back down the Dump Road with a lightness of heart and an empty trunk. It's that just dumped feeling, and it can't be beat.

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# Vegetable gardening for flower growers

Story and photos by Janice Hardy

**S**o, you are a flower grower rather than a vegetable grower. Well, vegetables are often easier to grow than fussy hybrids and taste really good. How to go about it:

## Planning the Vegetable Garden

Vegetable gardening is not only about selecting the

vegetables that you enjoy eating fresh from the garden - it is also about planning. Good planning will ensure that your crops produce as expected and will reduce the workload during the season itself. Like many other gardens, consideration must be given to the site, the soil and the requirements of each vegetable.

## The Site

If this is your first foray into vegetable gardening,

select a small site in full sun. Choose a site with good drainage and purchase a triple mix for the bed. For my first vegetable garden I have chosen to use a raised bed in the square foot intensive garden style. This served two purposes: first to allow maximum production in a minimum amount of space, and second to allow the soil to warm much faster than a non-raised bed. It is also easier on the back! My bed is four-by-six feet and 12 inches deep.

## The Vegetables

Choose the vegetables based on not only your likes and dislikes, but the number of people in the family and whether or not you wish to freeze or can. Generally I am looking at summer eating for two adults and weekend guests rather than storage, canning or freezing.

The first vegetable chosen is a family favourite - the tomato.

## Tomatoes

Tomatoes require full sun and medium-rich, moist, well-drained soil with a pH range of 5.5 to 6.8. Varieties selected were based on fruiting time. I like a couple of early cultivars and a couple of later ones so tomatoes are not ripening all at once. Plant once the soil temperatures have warmed and all danger of frost is gone. A transplant fertilizer can be used at the time of planting as tomatoes are heavy feeders. It is important to ensure that the soil has enough calcium to meet the fruiting needs.

Therefore a side-dressing with fertilizer specific to tomatoes will help prevent this. Another application of a more balanced fertilizer of 5-10-5 should be applied after the first tomato is ripe and repeated in approximately one month's time. Each plant needs to be staked and should sit at the north-west end of the bed to prevent shading of other plants. One square foot will hold a single plant to allow room to grow. Consistent watering is necessary during flowering to prevent blossom-end rot, especially in a hot Ontario summer. Fruit is harvested as it ripens and in my household is consumed quickly. If you prefer not to use chemical fertilizer, then using good compost and composted sheep manure will provide the necessary nutrients for good growth.

## Peppers

Next to the tomatoes will be peppers. Like tomatoes, peppers require one square foot of space per plant. Tomatoes and peppers are companion plants to each other. The tomatoes will help shelter the peppers from direct sunlight and can increase the humidity, which is to the benefit of the pepper plant. Peppers are a medium-heavy feeder and high nitrogen consumer. Consider a side-dressing of fertilizer at blossom time and three weeks later for good fruit production. Peppers prefer a sunny location in well drained soil. PH preference is 5.5 to 6.5. Peppers require a long growing season and



Tomatoes need to be watered consistently during the flowering stage to prevent blossom-end rot.

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# A late summer planting means a 1

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therefore transplants should be used rather than seeds. Plant after the soil has warmed - usually the last week in May or the first week of June. If you prefer your own plants then both peppers and tomatoes can be started indoors about eight weeks prior to moving outside.

## **Bush Beans - Green Snap variety**

Green snap beans are another family favourite. Seeds should be sown directly into the ground after all danger of frost has passed and soil has warmed. Consider purchasing disease resistant seeds. Beans prefer full sun in light, well drained sandy loam with a pH of 5.8 to 7.0. Up to nine plants can occupy one square foot of garden space leaving approximately 4 inches (10 centimetres) of space between plants. One square of beans should be planted every two weeks until all chosen squares are full. This will ensure a steady crop of beans over the season. Beans are moderate feeders and fertilizer is not necessary if using a good compost in your garden. Because beans fix nitrogen, if fertilizing use a side dressing of 10-10-10 after blossoms have finished and pods have set. Harvest early in the morning after the leaves have dried.

## **Cucumbers**

Cucumbers and beans are companion plants and can be planted next to each other in the bed. Like most other vegetables chosen, cucumbers prefer full sun in rich well-drained soil. Compost should be added as cucumbers enjoy soils rich in organic matter with a pH of 5.5 to 7.0. Cucumbers can get quite large so therefore one plant per square foot is good. I like to trellis the plants rather than have them on the ground. Plant after all danger of frost has passed. Cucumbers are heavy feeders and will need to be side-dressed one week after blossoming begins using a 33-0-0 fertilizer and again in approximately three weeks. When picking maintain a few centimetres of stem to prevent water loss.

## **Carrots**

Carrot seeds should be sown directly into the bed with 30 seeds per square foot. Carrots can germinate at the cooler spring temperatures when the soil tempera-

ture is a minimum 10 degrees. This often happens in early May. Like most vegetables, carrots prefer full sun in deep, sandy loam with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8. Carrots are companions to beans, peppers and tomatoes. Fertilizing with a low nitrogen fertilizer only after germination and again when 15 centimetres of top growth is needed as carrots are light feeders. Too much top growth can be indicative of an excessive amount of nitrogen. The best eating carrots are when they are no greater than 3.5 to 4 centimetres in diameter.

## **Radishes**

The radishes can be planted in the same square foot section of the bed as the carrots. Their fast-growing habit means that the radishes will be mature much sooner than the carrots, leaving the carrots to grow without any competition. Radishes will also act as a nurse crop to the carrots. Radishes are cool season crops and will be sown with the carrots when the soil temperature has reached approximately 10 degrees.

## **Beets**

Beets are companions of bush beans. Enjoying moist, rich well drained sandy loam soil with a pH of 5.8 to 7.0, beets will fit well with the rest of the garden. Seeds are again sown directly into the ground when the soil reaches temperatures of 10 degrees. Like most heavy feeders, compost is needed before planting. A side dressing of fertilizer high in phosphorus and low in nitrogen every two weeks to ensure good root development. Beets should be pulled when they are 2.5 to five centimetres across. A late summer planting for fall harvest will provide a nice meal in October. Beets planted in the warmer weather require a watering program to ensure good root development.

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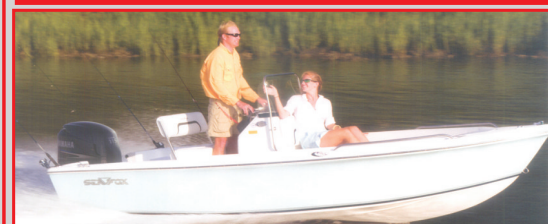


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# LHIN looking for personal suggestions on improving health-care services

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

In an effort to do a better job at providing services, the Central East Local Health Integration Network is looking for suggestions from the public.

Up until Sept. 21, the LHIN is seeking personal stories and experiences to be used during their integration planning process.

The organization is working towards their third Integrated Health Service Plan, starting in April 2013, according to a press release.

"Over the years we have always gone to the community and said 'what's important to you?'" said Katie Cronin-Wood, communications lead for the Central East LHIN.

Previous planning processes have shown the best way to engage local residents is to find out what their stories are, said Cronin-Wood.

The LHIN is looking for both positive and negative experiences.

"What resonated with them. What impressed them when they accessed a health care provider and why. What really frustrated them and what should be done to deal with that frustration," are just some of the questions that will be asked, said Cronin-Wood.

Launching next year, the plan will provide a framework for the next three years, until 2016, with a focus on specific areas including seniors, mental health and addictions, chronic diseases and end of life care.

"We find that as people plan for the next

three years they really need the voice of the resident or the voice of the patient or client to support them in their planning," said Cronin-Wood.

Health-care providers such as the palliative care network and mental health and addictions network, will also be partnering with the LHIN in the planning process.

"At the end of the September, after all these stories are collected, we will be going to our board and saying... here's the goal that we're going to strive for over the next three years," said Cronin-Wood.

The IHSP follows previous public-driven plans that saw a reduction in emergency room wait times, along with other improvements in health-care services, according to Cronin-Wood.

To learn more about the plan and complete the survey, visit the LHIN's website at [www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca) and click on IHSP-Integrated Health Services Plan.

Those wishing to fill out the survey in paper format can call the organization at 1-866-804-5446 and ask for a copy to be mailed to them.

Surveys will also be available locally by visiting a health services provider, such as the Haliburton or Minden hospital and requesting a survey.

Forms can be mailed or faxed back to the LHIN's office.

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**Q1-3: Who are you? (Please check off the appropriate response)**

To help us in our review of the results of this survey, please take a minute to answer the following questions to help us understand your perspective.

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2. What is your age category?

The Central East LHIN is looking for members of the public to provide input through an online survey to help the organization plan for the next three years.

## Selling your used car takes effort

**Harry Peg**  
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The first thing to do is find out how much it's worth. Sellers are often unrealistic in their asking price. You might think your car is pretty special, and you've learned to overlook some small problems, but a prospective buyer isn't necessarily going to agree.

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# Devolin unhappy with possible riding changes

**Lisa Gervais**  
QMI Agency

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock could be split into two federal ridings if a Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario draft proposal now before the general public is accepted.

The town of Lindsay and southeast of Lindsay would become part of a new Kawartha Lakes-Port Hope-Cobourg riding, stretching all the way to Lake Ontario. Meanwhile, the north of the city, including Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Minden and Haliburton would join a riding called Haliburton-Uxbridge, geographically centred in Haliburton.

"I don't like it," MP Barry Devolin said Tuesday morning. "I think cutting the City of Kawartha Lakes in two is a bad idea and that is essentially what it does."

He said he believes there is more in common between Lindsay and Haliburton, for example, than Lindsay and Port Hope or Haliburton and Uxbridge.

Politically, Devolin doesn't think a change would have much of an impact since both new ridings would remain "in a sea of blue."

Devolin worked for years to build relationships and learn about issues in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, so would hate to lose any communities, he said.

However, he said it was a first draft, and "not a done deal" and encouraged the general public to find out about the public consultation process. He urged the commission to consider stability. He said he realizes the status quo is not an option since Ontario must add 15 electoral districts as a result of the increase in its population. However, he

assumed the changes would be more minor in nature.

Devolin wants to know "what other scenario or options they have for our area."

MPP Laurie Scott said new federal ridings are a precursor to new provincial ridings. Adding the area "just changed boundaries to match municipal boundaries." She, too, is perplexed by the CKL splitting, saying "it's not fair to split Kawartha Lakes in half." As for Haliburton and Uxbridge being joined "it doesn't make any sense," she said. Like Devolin, Scott hoped for minor tinkering. "I don't want to give up any of my communities. And the communities of interest we have now are quite good. I would hope they would reconsider. We're going to fight it," she said.

The proposed new electoral districts are in Brampton (two), Cambridge, Durham (two), Hamilton, Markham (two), Mississauga (two), Oakville, Ottawa, Simcoe, Toronto (two) and York.

"Population shifts and increases, efforts to honour existing municipal boundaries whenever possible, and the establishment of 15 new electoral districts have required substantial adjustment to Ontario's electoral map," said the Hon. Mr. Justice George Valin, chairman of the three-member commission.

- To consult the proposal online, visit [www.federal-redistribution.ca](http://www.federal-redistribution.ca).
- To obtain a copy, contact the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario 1-855-747-7224; fax: 1-855-747-7225; [ontario@rfed-rcf.ca](mailto:ontario@rfed-rcf.ca).
- The closest public consultations are: Oshawa Quality Hotel and Conference Centre, Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. or Cobourg Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn and Convention Centre, Monday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. (see [www.federal-redistribution.ca](http://www.federal-redistribution.ca) for more locations, dates and times).



MP Barry Devolin says he's not impressed with a proposal to divide Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. /File photo



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Haake, the event photographer, and Alex Haake kept track of times. Submitted by Dave Dennis



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Where an animal is in need of help, it requires specialized care to recover and return to the wild.

You cannot keep wildlife in captivity without approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

## Determining if wildlife is orphaned

Some species leave their offspring alone temporarily, especially during the day.

For example, deer and cottontail rabbits spend much of the day away from their

well-camouflaged offspring to minimize the chance of predators finding them.

To determine if young wildlife is truly orphaned, check the animal periodically for 24 to 48 hours to see if it is still around.

Keep your distance.

Keep cats and dogs away from the area inhabited by the young animal; the adult may not return if it is noisy or if predators or people are close by.

## Figuring out what to do

Contact your local Ministry of Natural Resources office for help in assessing the situation and on what action you should take.

Visit [ontario.ca/mnroffices](http://ontario.ca/mnroffices) to contact your local district office or call 1-800-667-

1940 – Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

View a list of wildlife rehabilitators who have agreed to have their contact information included on the ministry's website.

If you must handle the animal, take care to minimize the risk of injury to yourself and to the animal.

Wear protective clothing and equipment, such as leather gloves, to avoid bites or scratches; wash your hands well after handling the animal.

## Signs of injury or illness

- Blood, wounds or swelling on the body
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- Difficult or raspy breathing or sneezing
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- Closed eyes; head tucked under wing

## Diseased or dead wildlife

To report dead animals, including birds or bats, contact the Canadian Cooperative

Wildlife Health Centre ([www.ccwhc.ca](http://www.ccwhc.ca)) at 1-866-673-4781.

If you suspect there is a public health risk from a sick wild animal, such as rabies, or you or your pet had contact with a suspected rabid animal, contact your local public health unit immediately.

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## Contact Information: (Northeast, Northwest and Southern Regions)

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For more information on wildlife, visit [ontario.ca/wildlife](http://ontario.ca/wildlife).

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# Helium shortage in county is no gas

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Anyone who's tried to purchase helium balloons lately may have found themselves a bit deflated.

That's because of a global helium shortage leaving the gas reserved for scientific and medical purposes.

"We're out of helium and can't get it," said Debbie Johnston, owner of Minden Florist.

Johnston said it's been two weeks since she's been able

to get helium and her supplier, Praxair, has said it could be at least until October before more is available.

"They're saving what's there for hospitals," Johnston said.

She's had to turn away about half a dozen customers who've come to her shop looking for helium balloons.

Another Minden business that didn't wish to be part of the story has a sign on its door limiting families to one helium balloon each until the shortage is over.

Businesses in Haliburton Village seem to have a bit more of the precious gas remaining.

"We do have some helium left," said Joanne Nichols of Country Rose Garden Centre.

However, Nichols who also deals with Praxair, has been notified there will likely be no more coming until at least October.

Nichols said a couple of years ago there was a near shortage, but suppliers never actually went into conservation mode.

"We do a lot of balloon sales," she said, adding that as an alternative to helium, the businesses can give balloons a floating effect using cups and sticks. "It will make a dent."

At The Dollar Store and Beyond, manager Brenda Anger said the business had not been affected yet, but she was aware of the shortage.

"I've heard of it," she said. "In the city, a lot of places are out."

Helium is a naturally occurring, non-renewable gas that is often extracted from the earth along with natural gas.

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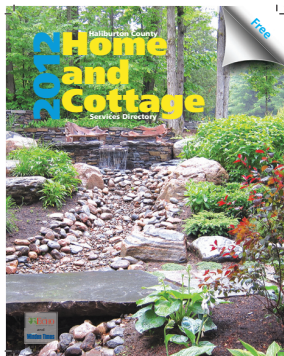
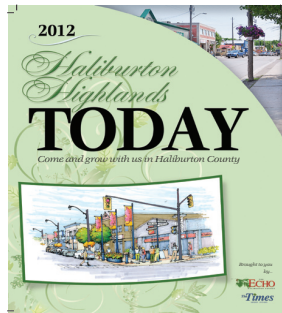


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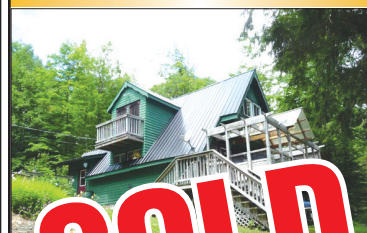


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# Freshwater jellyfish flourish in area lakes

**Matt Driscoll and Corey Wilkinson**  
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There's something lurking in the lakes that doesn't belong.

Throughout area lakes one can come across a tiny, almost transparent, disc gently pulsating its way through the water. This tiny invader is the freshwater jellyfish.

"I've personally seen them at Gravenhurst Bay right beside the Segwun. I've seen them in samples we've collected from Harp Lake in Huntsville," says Dr. Norman Yan of the Dorset Environmental Science Centre. "There was a resort where people went down to the bay to watch them every night. It sounds like it was a part of their nightly entertainment for a week or two."

Yan says the freshwater jellyfish (*craspedacusta sowerbii*) are widespread throughout cottage country. However, they are not native to the region, or even to the continent.

According to Yan, the jellyfish arrived in the late 1800s as part of a shipment of water plants that were shipped from the Kew Gardens in England to the New York Botanical Gardens.

Bob Lambe, the executive director of the Invasive Species Centre in Sault Ste. Marie, says since then the jellyfish has spread across four provinces: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and British Columbia and in 44 U.S. states.

"It's not something that's been raised as a high problem yet," says Lambe. "It's a newer thing. The extent to which it is a problem has not been clearly defined yet. More research is needed."

The first record of them being found in Canada was in 1966 in Christy Lake, near Perth, Ont. They are now found in more than 100 water bodies in Ontario, says Lambe.

They prefer calm water and are not typically found in rivers.

"I don't think most people know that they're here," says Yan.

He says cottagers will often stop by the lab in Dorset with samples of the jellyfish in bottles.

"Frequently what they'll say is, 'What is this thing that



Freshwater jellyfish, tiny in size, are widespread in cottage country.  
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looks like a jellyfish I pulled out of my lake?' And I say, 'It's a jellyfish,'" says Yan. "Most people think we don't have any jellyfish, and I tell them, 'We have one.'"

According to research done by the University of Pennsylvania, freshwater jellyfish appear sporadically, even where populations are established, due to their strange life cycle and small size. They spend much of their life as a small polyp, anchored in place, and feeding on drifting zooplankton. The freshwater jellyfish becomes a free swimming adult at the next stage of its life during a bloom.

Yan says such blooms have been spotted in the area in the past.

Adult jellyfish are about the size of a toonie, says Yan, and are mostly translucent. Adults are most commonly spotted from late July to early September.

Following their adult stage, the jellyfish die after reproducing. Adult jellyfish may not be seen again for several years.

Freshwater jellyfish can usually be seen swimming just below the water's surface, where they use their tentacles to capture small prey. Like their salt water relatives, they have stinging cells (cnidocytes), which are used to immobilize their prey.

"They're not dangerous and they don't sting people. They do eat things smaller than themselves but they don't have long tentacles," says Yan. "However, they are real jellyfish, which means they are predators who feed on very small animals."

Yan says just because jellyfish are non-native to the region, it does not necessarily make them a threat.

"We have a lot of non-native species in our lakes. For instance there are about 200 in the Great Lakes, but the majority are not damaging, and it appears the freshwater jellyfish is one of those," he says. "It's not like the zebra muscle or the spiny water flea."

As they pose no known threat to people or the eco-system, Yan says they're more of an interesting addition to the region than a problem.

"It almost seems more of curiosity. Who knew we had freshwater jellyfish?"

## Abbey Gardens celebrates building

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Fleming College and Abbey Gardens celebrated the near-completion of the local food organization's store along Hwy. 118 near West Guilford on Aug. 23.

The building, which will be a market for locally grown food and artisan items, is the result of a partnership between the Abbey Gardens Community Trust and the college's sustainable building design and construction program.

The project was announced in February.

Thursday's ceremony celebrated the near-completion of the building since Friday was the last day of the program for students.

"Several of them have agreed to stay to do a few of the finishing touches," said Abbey Gardens founder and philanthropist John Patterson, adding the completion of the building was still expected to require weeks' worth of work. "It takes a very dedicated effort for something like this to appear in the landscape in Haliburton County."

Patterson praised the efforts of the nearly 20 students who have worked tirelessly planning and building the structure.

"There's never been a day when the spirits weren't absolutely sky-high," he said.

Patterson thanked the project's numerous contributors, including members of the Abbey Gardens board of directors and local businesses.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation, which is federally run, provided funding for the overall project and also a commercial kitchen, which is yet to be constructed at the site.

Patterson also thanked Haliburton Forest for timber used in the building's construction and the Hewitt family, who sold Abbey Gardens the land, for donating additional land for growing purposes.

He expects to see the facility grow into "something of a showpiece, we hope," that helps the area continue to be "the tremendous symbol of caring for the environment that Haliburton has already become."

Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey was present for the event and brought words of reassurance.

"We've done two [sustainable buildings] and they're still standing," he joked, making reference to the 4Cs building, also constructed by students in the program.

Fearrey also spoke to the importance of locally grown food, adding it could help create jobs.

"John's on the right track," he said. "We should be doing this locally. We don't know what we're eating half the time."

Barb Bolin, vice-president of the executive for Abbey Gardens, also took the microphone, envisioning what the facility might be like in 15 years' time.

It will be a place that sells locally grown food to individuals, stores and restaurants; holds agricultural workshops "which will help us learn and relearn growing methods"; utilizes organic waste; grows year-round indoor micro-crops; embraces new kinds of agriculture; and brings people to the area.

"We envision Abbey Gardens as an agro-tourism destination," Bolin said, adding that it also had the potential to create a number of interesting jobs. "Although I didn't think this when I was growing up on a farm, I think that agricultural jobs are some of the most satisfying jobs there are."

Student Tyler Parr gave attendees an overview of the building's sustainable elements, from its straw bale and wood and chip construction (clay dug from the site was also used) to its solar tubes and the way the centre was strategically placed to maximize sunlight.

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## Outside the Bus:

- Teach children about the bus danger zones, these are blind spots where the bus driver is unable to see them, or there is a risk of being hit. Once they know the danger zone, have them stay clear.

- Be on time. The less of a rush your children are in the less likely they are to make a safety mistake.

- Whenever attempting to cross in front of a bus, make sure they wait for a signal from the driver before crossing. It is important they are acknowledged by the driver to make sure they are not at risk of being hit

- Do not approach the bus until signaled by the drive.

- Never walk or play behind a bus.

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This week is a busy week for our family; two birthdays always tend to do that. My older daughter Mari-Anne has a birthday on Aug. 28 and Natalie is on Sept. 2. So this past weekend we spent it together. I have never been one to lie about my age and now I know why! When you have adult children and a grandchild it makes you a grandmother, in my case a "nonna." Proud of it!

Anyway, we had planned a trip to Toronto so that my granddaughter Alyssa could also go into a store she was dying to visit. Her favourite band is One Direction,

which originated in England featuring five young attractive men singing. Alyssa tells me this craze for One Direction has been compared to Beatlemania many years ago. Do you remember that?

The line-up of fans leading to the front door of the store was at least a mile long! You might think the actual band was inside but this line-up was made up of fans eager to purchase paraphernalia of this popular band. It might be comparable to the Beatle popularity but there's no comparison in the prices of the souvenir items.

Alyssa was one happy pre-teen and after that we were able to get on with what the rest of us wanted to do! We took the subway again to Front Street and walked around with the crowd there to take in the Busker Festival. There we saw all sorts of talent – jugglers, still walkers – you name it! This is the Toronto I do enjoy. Afterwards we went to the Old Spaghetti Factory and sat in the Carousel and enjoyed lunch. It's nice to do this once in awhile creating family memories to treasure.

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## Find out more about Doors Open Algonquin Highlands

Discover the story behind every door.

The Ontario Heritage Trust – an agency of the Government of Ontario – is excited about this year's Doors Open Ontario program. Communities across the province will be opening doors to hundreds of fascinating heritage sites – including commercial buildings, courthouses, theatres, museums, places of worship and natural heritage sites.

Joining the tour in 2012 is Doors Open Algonquin Highlands – on Sept. 15 and 16.

There are many interesting sites open to visitors, all free of charge.

For more information, visit the new Doors Open Ontario website at [www.doorsopenontario.on.ca](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca).

Join them in celebrating this important cultural event.

If you would like to speak to someone further about the program in general, or about Doors Open Algonquin Highlands specifically, please see the contact information below.

### Quick facts

By the end of the 2012 season, more than 4.5 million visits will have been made to

Doors Open Ontario sites since the program's launch in 2002.

Doors Open Ontario 2012 features a record 57 community events across the province, including five new events: Georgian Bay, Quinte West, Algonquin Highlands, Halton Hills and Lambton County.

Copies of the free Doors Open Ontario 2012 Guide are available at 1-800-ONTARIO.

For the fifth year in a row, Festivals and Events Ontario has recognized Doors Open Ontario as one of the province's "Top 100 Ontario Festivals."

More than 90 per cent of Ontarians live in a Doors Open Ontario community.

On average, 26 per cent of all visitors come from out of town. While visiting a Doors Open community, they enjoy meals at local restaurants, make purchases at local shops and stay overnight at local accommodations.

The economic impact of this program is significant.

For more information about Doors Open Algonquin Highlands, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Centre at 1-800-461-7677 or [tourism@haliburtonholidays.com](mailto:tourism@haliburtonholidays.com).

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# Dorset ladies' night is back starting Sept. 4



**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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The very popular Dorset Lions Club Family Fishing Derby and Dinner takes place this Sunday, Sept. 2 at Lions Camp Dorset. This is the 39th year for this great fundraising event!

Any fish caught on that day on local public waterways are eligible for prizes and trophies and tickets are available at Tower Hill Marine, Mountain Trout House Marina and at the door. Weigh in is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. sharp and dinner is at 6 p.m. Adults are \$15, kids ages seven to 12 are \$8 and kids six and under are free.

Dorset Ladies' Night is back! Come out for the first ladies' night of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, give Lorraine a call at 705-766-9968. Valerie Houston-Peel of Temple Knights will be leading an introduction to Tai Chi at the Dorset Recreation Centre geared to those ages 55 plus although all are welcome. It will be a six-week session starting on Friday, Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. This program is funded by the Government of Ontario's Healthy Communities Fund, the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation. The cost to participate is \$5 per class and registration is required. For more information, contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at [drc@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:drc@algonquinhighlands.ca) 705-766-9968.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 9 to get out and support the Ironman 70.3 action! This will be the fifth year and over 1,000 athletes will be taking part in the gruelling triathlon. They start and finish at Deerhurst Resort, but the biking portion of the race takes the competitors down Highway 35 and onto Main Street in Dorset where they bike right through

the village. Great viewing spots are all over the town. We anticipate seeing the first biker come through around 9:15 a.m. and the last to go through around 11:30 a.m. These athletes come from all over the world. Thanks to all of our Dorseters who will be helping out with the event.

There is still time to sign up for Anitra Apps therapeutic yoga workshop for hips and shoulders. The workshop takes place on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the cost is \$30 per person. You will need to bring a mat, blanket, pillow, and strap and block if you have. To register, call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. For more information about Anitra, visit [www.anitraapps.com](http://www.anitraapps.com).

The first of seven monthly healthy cooking classes will take place on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The class will be led by Jocelyn Smith who is a cookbook author and co-owner of Jocelyn's Kitchen and Ahimsa. The class will feature "back to school and/or reality eating" including healthy lunches to prepare for back to school or for you.

The cost to participate is \$5 and will include handouts and a tasty sampling of the recipe prepared. Space is limited so please call 705-766-9968 to sign up. Funding is provided by the Government of Ontario's Healthy Communities Funding program, the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation.

Birthday wishes for the week of Aug. 26 to Sept. 1 go out to "Young" Joe Alfano, Trish Brooks, Sarah Alexander, Murray Ross, Donald Radley, Tabettha Webb, Jessica Pulfrey, Earle Northover and Amy Ross. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send wishes to your special loved ones or even you! So, for all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my email address, which is [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca) or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

## Coming Events

### Labour Day Sunday Celebration with Corn Roast and BBQ



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# community calendar

What's happening in the County

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Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)

**Haliburton Village Ghost Walks** Every Monday and Wednesday in July and August, 7:00pm Walks start at the Heritage Cafe (Park St. up from United Church) and end at McKeck's. Adults \$10, Children (6-12) \$5.

**The Haliburton Highlands** Handweavers and Spinners Guild meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. New members welcome. For more information call Pat Maulson at 705-286-6042

**Every Friday - August 31: Haliburton Farmers Market** located in Carnarvon near the intersection of hwy 118 and hwy 35 The market will be open every Friday from 1 to 5.

**Sept 1:** Gooderham United Church Yard Sale from 8am-2pm for more information call June at 705-447-2838

**Sept 1:** Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is running a Trunk Sale. It will start at 8:00 am and go to 2:00 pm. Breakfast and BBQ lunch will be available for sale. Parking spaces for your "trunk" are available at \$10 per spot. Please contact the Legion at 705-286-4541 to reserve your space.

**Sept 4:** Minden & District Horticultural Society's meeting 7 pm at the community centre in Minden, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners will speak on "Garden Design Concepts".

**Sept 12:** Horse before the cart writers group meets in the Minden library 2-4 on second and 4th Wednesdays Sept-June First topic: Pet anecdotes for more info call 705-489-3661

**Sept 15 -** Haliburton Concert Series presents trio Triple Forte (violin, cello, and piano) at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton village. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available from Brenda at 705-457-2695 or [brobinson@interhop.net](mailto:brobinson@interhop.net), or from [www.MadeinHaliburton.ca](http://www.MadeinHaliburton.ca). See our web site - [www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com](http://www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com) for further information.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to [jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca](mailto:jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca) or brought in to the office.

**Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.**

**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



# Hope to see you at the fair



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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Sunday afternoon found us enjoying birthday cake and sunshine at David, Rita and Emma's Crystal Lake cottage as Rita celebrated that special day along with her twin brother Mike and his family.

Emma had decided to make a time capsule for her mom and prepared a card for each of their 24 years together plus school photos and much more. Looking for a suitable box to house the treasures she headed for Michael's Store only to find nothing suitable on the shelf.

When the helpful clerk pointed over to a craft class underway making wooden items Emma, complete in her fashion attire and high heels, joined in.

Spray painted blue with red lettering and operating hinges the box is impressive. Surprised at our surprised expressions Emma chided how hard could it be for after all hadn't she once helped to build a house in

Louisiana with Habitat for Humanity.

Calling all bingo fans. The Kinmount and District Lions Club will be holding its annual Monster Bingo this Thursday, Aug. 30 in the arena at the fairgrounds starting at 6 p.m. The Club will be announcing the 2012 winner of the Lions Citizen of the Year Award the following afternoon at 2 p.m. in the tea garden area of the Pioneer Complex.

Come out and celebrate the volunteer efforts of this 16th worthy community recipient. The ambassador pageant is also held at that time so why not make this a real family event as Friday, Aug. 31 is Children's Day with free admission for pre-school and elementary school students.

Pageant contestants, both young men and women are eligible, must be between the ages of 17 and 23 years and live within a 50-kilometre radius of Kinmount. Judged on their poise, personality, general appearance, an interview and short speech plus a poster display board about themselves the selected ambassador will represent Kinmount at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Convention in February, at the CNE in 2013 and at other local func-

tions during the year.

With regard to the fair please go to [www.kinmountfair.net](http://www.kinmountfair.net) for full details. Note that exhibit hall entries will be accepted from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29 and Thursday, Aug. 30 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at which time the hall will close for judging. On Thursday at 6 p.m. it will be the Kids' Lawn Tractor Pull with weight transfer at the Grandstand open to those 15 years and under. There is a \$5 entry fee for this contest. Mower blades must be been removed and helmets are mandatory.

Enjoy a breakfast outing? At the Royal Canadian Legion branch 441 Kinmount the Ladies' Auxiliary will be serving up breakfast from Thursday, Aug. 30 through Sunday, Sept. 2 from 7 to 11 a.m.

After the Legion proudly leads the Warriors Day Parade into the fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 1 at noon all including non-members are welcome back at the Branch for an afternoon of entertainment and a barbecue.

A reminder that on Saturday and Sunday there is free off-ground parking on Reid Street (Gate 2) with a free shuttle bus service from there to the grounds. This service

begins at 9:30 a.m. both days and ends at 10 p.m. on Saturday and at 7 p.m. on Sunday. For area newcomers if planning a trip to the fair or through Kinmount on Saturday remember that the parade marshals at the Railway Station yards and heads out up Hwy. 503 to the main gate for a noon entry.

The parade, always a highlight at the fair, is awesome but lengthy and traffic will be affected in all directions.

The gates open every day for admission at 7 a.m. with many events underway and buildings open by 9 to 9:30 a.m. so why not come early and avoid the crowds.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will hold its summer draw from free entries for shoppers who made a minimal \$10 purchase since Victoria Day.

The daily open schedule of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will continue at the marketplace until Thanksgiving. Once again the flowers there planted and maintained by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development have drawn many compliments from visitors and much appreciated.

Until next week ...

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#### Internal/External Job Posting - Contract position Community Services Department Seasonal Employee

The Township of Minden Hills Community Services Department requires a Seasonal Employee.

The Seasonal Employee will be expected to carry out Arena, Community Centre and Parks duties according to the Townships' by-laws, policies/procedures and applicable legislation.

Arena/Community Centre duties include building maintenance, janitorial services, rental function set-up and dismantling, supervision of rentals, and ice making. Parks Maintenance includes the set up and dismantling of various functions and, as well grass cutting, landscaping, snow removal and other duties as assigned.

The position is subject to the current Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 4286 and is based on a 40 hour work week at the current hourly rate of \$16.57. The job will require variable shifts and weekend work. Further information is available by contacting Ian Andresen, Community Services Lead Hand at 705-286-1936 xt 202. This position is expected to last 20 weeks but can be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Employer.

The successful applicant is expected to commence work as soon as possible. Current experience and/or qualifications in ice facility, janitorial work, and parks maintenance operations is required.

Résumés with a letter of application should be submitted marked to the attention of Shannon Prentice Administration Department at:

The Township of Minden Hills  
PO Box 359  
7 Milne Street  
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

**Applications will be accepted until 4:00pm September 5th, 2012.** If selected for an interview, proof of a valid Class G Drivers Licence, a clean drivers' abstract and a clear criminal reference check is required.

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Community Care Haliburton County, a non for profit, charitable organization is seeking a full time Enhanced Care Coordinator. The Enhanced Care Coordinator role is to provide assessment and coordination of service for the Home First and Home at Last programs and to provide outreach services to promote independence for frail seniors, and persons living with complex and chronic care requirements. A working knowledge of the social service and health sectors would be an asset.

A detailed job description is located on our website: [www.communitycarehaliburton.com](http://www.communitycarehaliburton.com). Applications are due on Sept 7th by 4:00pm to Maureen Trimble, Executive Director, CCHC P.O. Box 956, 83 Maple Ave. Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or to [Maureen@cchaliburton.com](mailto:Maureen@cchaliburton.com).

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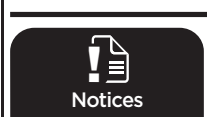
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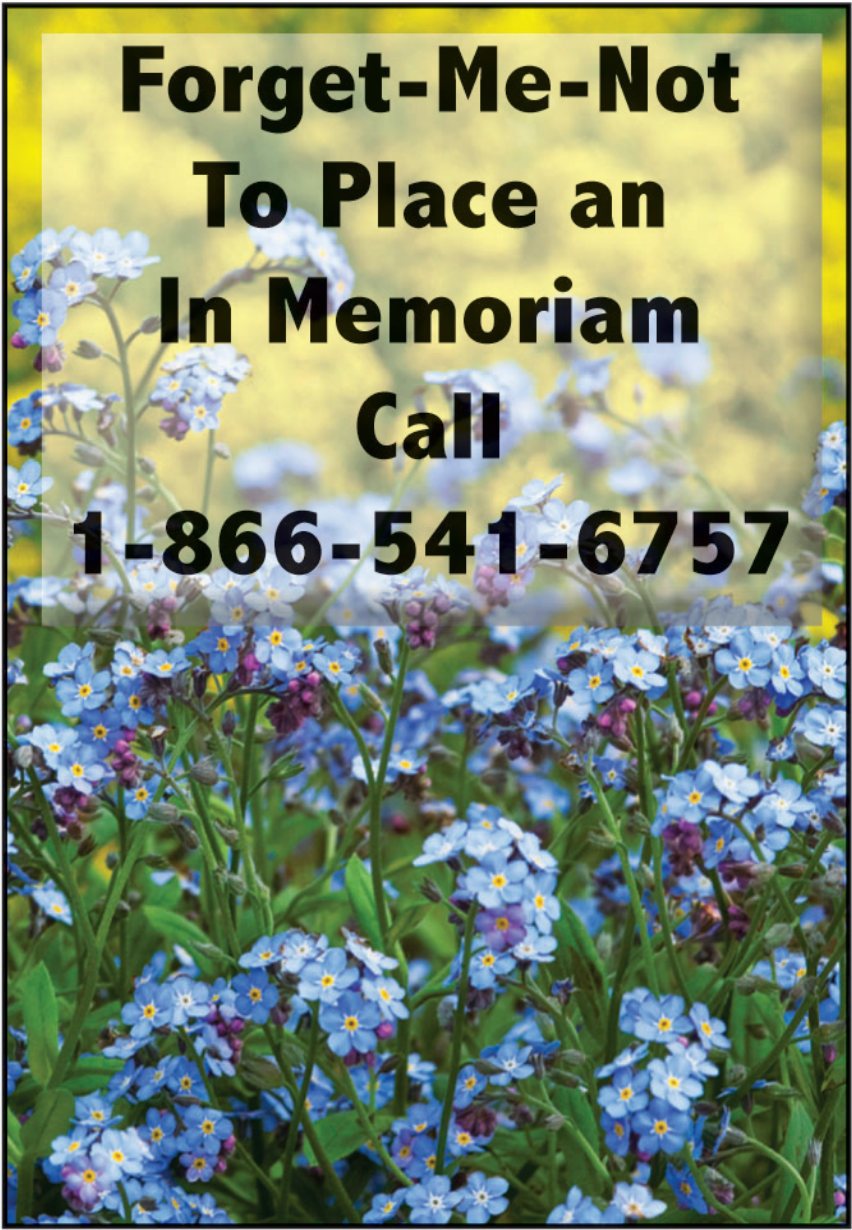
## Deaths



**HICKS, Don** - Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, August 20, 2012 with his family at his side. At the age of 83. Beloved husband of Lorna for 54 years. Dear father of Beth, Lynn (Mike), Deborah (George), Jim (Linda), Jane (Steve), Ian (Tracie). Loving grandpa to Amanda, Nigel, Erica, Jennifer, Melissa, Rachel, Nathan, Mitch, Sabrina, Emily, Luke, Clare, Christopher (deceased) and great grandfather of Thomas, Farrah, Benjamin, William, Brycen, Alexander and Holley. Dear brother of Redge (Doreen), Chuck (Toots), Helen (Alvin-deceased), Maurice (Liz-deceased), Lester (deceased) (Donna), Harold (deceased). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Private Family Graveside Service and Interment was held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Don's Life at the Ingoldsby United Church on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 12:00 pm until the time of the Service at 1:00 pm. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Palliative Care Unit (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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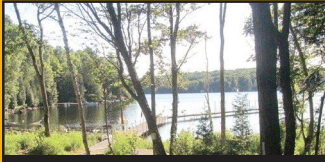
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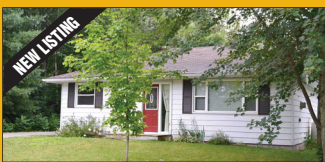
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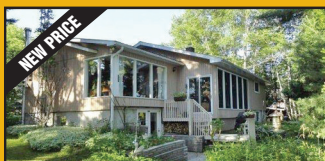
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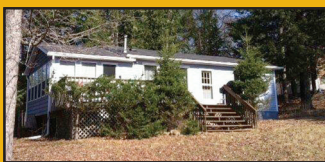
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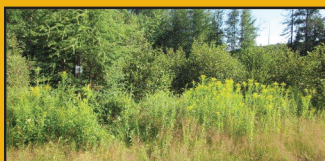
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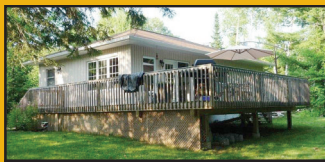
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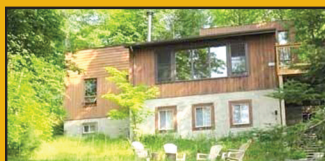
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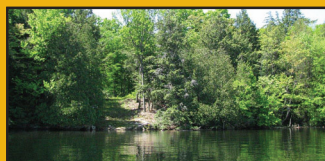
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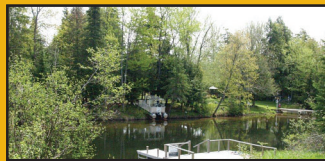
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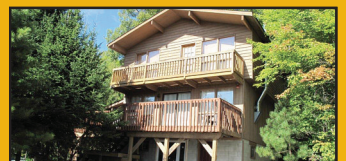
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# Preserving the vegetable garden

Story and photo by Lea Kitler

Summer holidays are over, kids are heading back to school and the farm begins to quiet down for the season. Soon the days will be shorter, the warm winds will blow away and the leaves will begin to change colour. This is my favourite time of the year. But before we begin to slow down, we have a lot of work to do to preserve our product and our gardens.

Throughout August and into late September we finish harvesting every last bit of herbs, fruits, beans, garlic and vegetables that we can gather. Some things are sun dried while other product is chopped up and stewed for hours in the outdoor oven to make a variety of different tasty sauces to enjoy all year long. We make our own pizza and pasta sauce, hot sauces, ketchup, pickles, jams and wild apple preserves.

Harvesting the St. Croix, Frontenac and Chaumac red grapes are one of my favourite things to do on the farm. We cut the grapes off the vines in late September and place them in the crusher. Turning the crank slowly we marvel as the red juice

flow into the buckets. This year for our Thanksgiving dinner we will taste our first bottles of wine from last year's crop.

Just as important as harvesting all the fruits and product from the fields are the fields themselves. We take the time to collect the manure that our animals have left behind and spread it over our gardens. We spend hours raking leaves, collecting ashes from the woodstoves and mixing them into the soil. All of these ingredients will begin to decay throughout the winter creating a lush soil base for the next year's harvest.

Growing fresh product into the fall and winter this year will be much easier with the outdoor greenhouse but we still have a learning curve to go through with regards to heating the space. We plan to grow lettuce, spinach, sprouts, and tomatoes for the most part and to do it without electricity. We hope to install a solar collector and with the right amount of insulation in the building we should have product into early December.

As the years pass, I am reminded of how all of this started for me. One morning, I needed an egg to make an omelet. Instead of going to the grocery store for a dozen,

I decided to stop by the co-op and order some day old chicks. I have never bought an egg since. After being somewhat successful with the hens we have expanded our animals to goats and pigs. We use the goat milk for drinking and we make our own cheese. The milk is also used in our 14 varieties of Goat Milk Soap. We raise the pigs for the summer and we harvest

them in the fall. As the year begins to slow down we pack away all the garden tools in the same shed as we store our maple syrup equipment. It won't be long and we will start the cycle all over again.

Lea Kitler is one half of the Magnificent Hill farming duo, which includes Diane Doiron. The farm is located at 1258 Magnificent Road in Highland Grove.



Even though the garden is almost done given us her bounty, we must honor her and preserve as many of her crop as possible. We will make jams, jellies, freeze and dry enough product for us and for our farm gate during the fall. Finally at Thanksgiving we will harvest our grapes and make a batch of wine for winter drinking.

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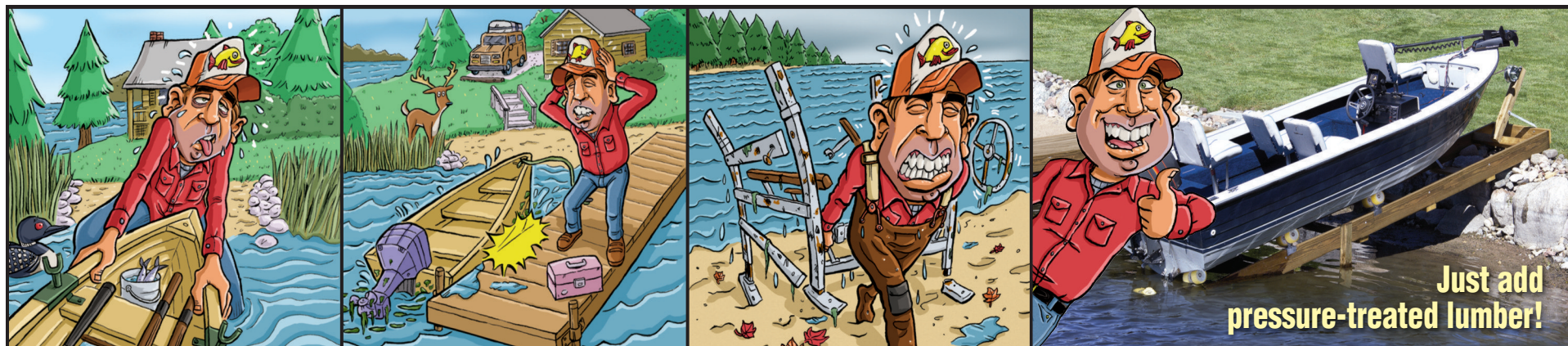
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# Volunteer fair offers variety of opportunities

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tournaments and the cost of social events also require fundraising dollars. Bruce Fisher and Dave Millington have biked to Newfoundland to raise funds, over \$18,000 so far.

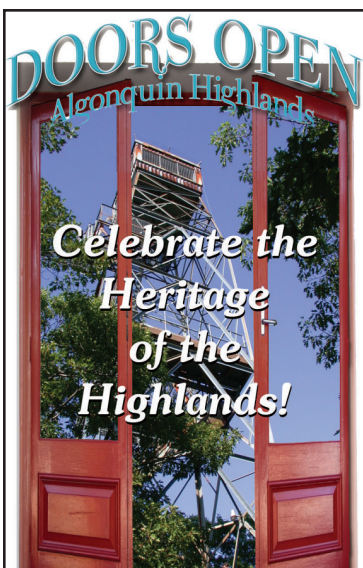
The Red Wolves depend on volunteers to coach, keep score, and organize annual social events like the Christmas party, the awards ceremony, the rubber duck race, the bowlathon, and the torch run. Without caring volunteers, the athletes would not be able to participate in sports in their community.

If you think you might like to volunteer with the Red Wolves, you don't have to make a commitment right away. Just show up at one of their training sessions and watch the fun. Bring a friend or two. The athletes love their sports, but they love

making new friends even more. Volunteers come in all ages from teens to retirees. No expertise is needed. If you'd like more information about how you can support the special athletes in our community, contact Bruce Fisher at heyjudefish@sympatico.ca or call Yvette Brauer at 705-488-2282. Or, better yet, visit their table at the Volunteer Fair at the Haliburton Legion 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a guest speaker, Donna Lockhart, at 11 a.m. on Sept. 15.

The Red Wolves Special Olympics athletes gathered for a picnic at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount on Aug. 19.

Front row from left, Bernice Murray, Dawn Piercey, Robin Fletcher, Lisa Burk (sitting). Middle row from left, Maryanne Stammers, Jamie, Nate Heatherington, Brent Leffering, Doug Johnson. Back row from left, Jerry Corby, Ross Anderson, Josh Grant, Brad Trumbull and Jason Hollowell.



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# My excellent Lost Angeleez adventure

## Maybelle's



## Fireside stories

**W**hy if ol' Maybelle isn't all excited to tell you about my excellent adventure in Lost Angeleez, don'tcha know. It was on my bucket list so I figured, Maybelle ... just do it! And boy was I lucky, having my old childhood friend, Morlin McCentsteller as my host.

There she was at LAX (the airport not the laxative) looking wayyy younger than me, thanks to her husband, Mel, nipping and

tucking at her. He's a cosmetic sturgeon, uh SURgeon, don'tcha know.

HONK! HONK! Hey Lady! Los Angeleez drivers have fleas in their pants. So off we went with half my suitcase sticking out her trunk.

Before I knew it, we were driving through Beverly Hills past palm trees and houses the size of hotels. Why I looked for people, but no folks were on the streets, except for professional dog-walkers and gardeners, don'tcha know.

Then at the bottom of Morlin's hilltop house (across the street from where Fred Astaire and Mary Pickford used to live) she pulls out a small contrapulation, clicks it, and if two big ol' iron gates don't open their jaws letting us in.

Well, I had never seen such a place, except on those TV travel programs. Why there was a big ol' swimming pool, tennis court, and all kinds of statues in the garden. What a change from our childhood days in Lake WhaddyathinkImean.

So we go inside and Morlin says: "Bob'll fix your jet lag." And shazam! In walks her very own personal trainer, all tanned and, dare I say, BUFFED?!

I'll tell you, BOB was a sight for bored eyes. Why my grey hair is still turning red just thinking about him. And if he didn't have me move parts of this ol' body I forgot I had. And real slowww, too. Said it had something to do with clearing out my lymph nodes, don'tcha node.

Then the next day, Morlin drives us all the way to Venice Beach. What a place that was. You'd think it was Halloween. But that's just how folks dress there. Bikinied Barbies on roller skates ... chalk artists in Mad Hatter hats.

And the shops! Why there was even a store selling Botox treatments and stuff that blows your lips up real big. Thought that might be kinda fun. So yours truly

now looks like Anjolina Jolly without the Pitt.

Why the air was so thick with a feeling of "Why not?" that ol' Maybelle even got a tattoo. Of a moose, don'tcha know. 'Course I had to have it engraved on the bottom of my foot ... the only place that wasn't wrinkled!

Then off we went filling up on tacos at Holy Guacamole. Oh my goodness they were good. And if that wasn't enough, we drove a good 40 minutes to famous Melrose Avenue to get our fill of even more sights.

Why, you should have seen the outfits on those girls. Up in Lake WhaddyathinkImean we wear bluejeans so loose you can fit longjohns under them. But in Lost Angeleez, girls wear stretchy jeans so tight the veins in their legs pop. The only things I want popping are my Rice Crispiers.

Then there was "The Grove." What an outdoor shopping mall that was. A dancing fountain with syncopated music, sidewalk cafes, a really big movie theatre with people working there dressed like the old Philip Morris fella ... pill box hat and gold buttoned uniform. Just like Hollywood in the old days.

And the next day, when Morlin and I stopped into a hardware store, who do you think was walking out? LEONARD NEMOY. That's right. I'd know him anywhere, even without his pointy Star Trek ears.

Those 10 days sure were exciting. And so was my flight back.

Why that airplane had some transponder troubles or the like, plus it was like pea soup in the cabin, something about the ventilation system getting a rabbit caught in the pipes.

So the gal next to me is shvitzing on my tamale sandwich and her husband needs mouth-to-mouth regurgitation, when an overhead compartment door flies open, hits the stewardess in the head and she falls smack in their laps spilling Bloody Mary's all over the place.

But, ya know ... it made me feel right at home. For those of you who listen to my radio show, *Fireside Stories from Lake WhaddyathinkImean*, you know how

crazy things can get. Well, I'm back home now with my pet bear, Bogart (gee, I missed him) and all my good friends. And I can tell you this ...

As excellent as my Lost Angeleez adventure was ... to ol' Maybelle ... there's no place like home.

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# Stand tall

Story by Steve Galea

Photos by Jenn Watt

**L**ife was fine at our table at the Dominion Hotel – right up until a sound bite from that stupid song blared across the room.

Though I immediately lunged and pulled the radio's plug, I wasn't quick enough. So fellow reporter Chad Ingram and I were briefly subjected to Burton Cummings singing a line from what we short people consider one of the most offensive songs ever.

"Stand tall..." he crooned.

"Did you hear that?" Chad asked. "More height discrimination!"

There and then, I knew that things were about to get awkward.

You see, Chad, who at five-foot-four is what I'd generally consider tall and lanky, was suddenly reminded of his height.

Perhaps he was being oversensitive after having recently been escorted off the premises of a George Richards Big and Tall Menswear store after getting lost in a three-piece suit. Or maybe it had something to do with the fact that he recently mistook a crawl space for a basement with a cathedral ceiling. Whatever the reason, his height was getting him down.

As someone who once made a decent living as the groom on high-end wedding cakes, I could relate.

It is true that we vertically challenged people face a glass ceiling – one that, to add insult to injury, we have to use a ladder to reach. But, I've always maintained that there is no use getting upset over that glass ceiling – unless of course a highland pipe band wearing kilts is on the floor above you.

"If only we could stand tall," he said.

"It would take a miracle," I muttered.

Suddenly, a miracle worker walked right through the door.

"Did I hear someone say they wanted to stand tall?" Sarah Adams chirped.

"Sure," said Chad. "But unless you've got some way to incite a stubborn growth spurt, it's not going to happen."

Sarah, who works for the Haliburton



Miracle worker Sarah Adams helps Steve and Chad "stand tall" with some ladies' high heels.

County YWCA, was undeterred. She expertly sized up our feet and then pulled two pairs of red ladies' high heels from her purse.

"Try these on," she said.

"There's nothing you can say that would make us wear shiny red ladies' high heels," I muttered. "Absolutely nothing."

"Me neither," said Chad. "I've got far too much dignity."

"You'll gain three inches in height," she said.

Walking in high heels is not as easy as you might think. But soon Chad



Steve and Chad wobble their way along Minden's Riverwalk helping Sarah Adams scout a route for Walk A Mile In Her Shoes.

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# Being tall is not all it's cracked up to be

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and I were strolling down Minden's Riverwalk, which is coincidentally along the same route that Sarah wanted to scout for the upcoming YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. Accompanying her on the walk seemed like the least we could do. Plus, she said if we didn't, we'd have to give the shoes back.

It turns out Sarah knows a lot of people. Practically every car that drove by honked its horn and a few even whistled.

"You think anyone has noticed our shoes?" Chad asked uncomfortably.

"Nah!" I said, "They're marveling at our height."

"Sure," Sarah said, "Hey Steve, I'm trying to predict liability issues for the Walk. Could you try to walk on this grassy slope?"

After using my heels as picks to crawl out of the river and up the steep bank, I began to realize that being tall is not all it's cracked up to be.

For one thing, my feet really hurt. And, you know, the air up there wasn't



After attempting a steep slope in heels, Steve takes a dip in the Gull River.

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Chad pampers Steve's feet at Ommh Beauty Boutique after a hard day in ladies' heels

# Wear high heels for a good cause

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any better either.

Still, Sarah insisted that we finish the whole route with her – despite the fact that, in that short walk, Chad and I had both developed life-threatening bunions.

Fortunately, as we passed the Ommh Beauty Boutique on the way back, Sean and the gang had already received Sarah's 911 call and were ready with a full foot rehabilitation program.

There, because no one else wanted to do it, Chad and I decided to take turns pampering each other's feet. He had just finished working on mine before I decided that it was a horrible idea, however. So the deal was immediately discontinued.

In the end, Chad and I agreed that though it was nice to be tall for a while, the cost was too high. And though we did help Sarah get familiar with the pitfalls of her route, enjoyed the scenic Riverwalk, and got whistled at by passing truckers, something just didn't feel right about the experience.

Maybe it was because we wore those ruby slippers. Whatever the case, all I can say is there's no place like Ommh.

Hey guys, forget about height issues and really bad fashion. If you want to wear high heels for a good cause, participate in the YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on Oct. 20. It's a light-hearted event that encourages men to wear heels and walk a mile through Minden in support of abused women.

All proceeds will help women and their children who are victims of domestic violence in Haliburton County. High registration numbers will mean higher awareness of the life-saving services available to women at the YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County, such as HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace).

To register for the event or to pledge a walker, contact Sarah at [sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca](mailto:sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca), or visit [www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com](http://www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com) during the first week of September. And, don't worry, the YWCA provides the shoes!

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# That just-dumped feeling

Story and photo by Janet Trull

**S**o, you cleaned out the shed and now you have 10 years' worth of unfinished projects, wrecked air mattresses and ruined lawn furniture piled on your driveway.

It's got to go somewhere.

Gone are the days when you could load this embarrassing heap in the back of the truck and throw it away without a second thought. It will take some planning before you make the trek to your local landfill site.

- Have your ID card ready. Is it orange or purple this year?

- Have your garbage packaged properly in clear plastic garbage bags. Or white. Or green if you smile and look kind of simple. Rules are sometimes flexible. Sometimes not.

- Make sure your recyclables are sorted and your cardboard flattened. There is always a bit of a back-up at the recycle bins. Some people (like me for instance) have not been able to train their families to put paper in one bin, plastic and glass in the other. So we tend to sort as we toss. Apologies to those of you who have it all done efficiently ahead of time. You deserve a tax credit.

- Get familiar with the geography of your dump. Electronics? The old blue ghetto blaster is headed to the electronics shed. Wood? Metal? There are special piles for those. Old motor oil? Come back on Hazardous Waste Day.

My heart speeds up a bit as I wait in a line-up of cars and pick-ups to see if the landfill associate will wave me in.

It's a little like crossing the border. Don't even think about try-

ing to sneak past the entry shack with Grampa's armchair or an old stove. Get your wallet out. It's going to cost you.

Once you get inside, you have to follow the established route. Recycle area first. Smash go the bottles.

Depending on the site, there may be a box that you can put your liquor, wine and beer bottles in so they can be returned to the beer store for deposit money. I imagine this income provides for improvements in the staff lounge, like air-conditioning and leather furniture and Febreeze.

Next, you follow the signage to "household garbage," a dog's breakfast of diapers and dollar-store detritus: waste from the failed civilization known as humanity. Apologize to Mother Earth as you chuck your collection of mouldy old crap into the sky-high heap. Sure, you probably have a couple of clear garbage bags full of acceptable garbage too. Good for you. Let's try for more of that next time. Someday, you promise, you will stop buying so much cheap, useless "stuff," but right now, you are caught in the downward spiral of consumerism with everybody else. Store ... five minutes of fun ... shed ... dump.

Scavenging is frowned upon in these modern times, but if you spot a treasure, there is no shame in liberating it from landfill. Every cottage should display at least one "good find" from the dump.

When you have emptied your trunk, hop into the car and close the door fast so the flies and seagulls and horrible reek do not try to come home with you. At the exit gate, you may endure a quick moment of anxiety, worrying that you will be stopped and interrogated about



While scavenging is frowned upon elsewhere, no cottage is complete without a "good find" from the landfill.

the clang of metal that occurred when you tossed Uncle Donny's nuts and bolts collection onto garbage mountain.

Finally, you can breathe the fresh air

of freedom as you cruise back down the Dump Road with a lightness of heart and an empty trunk. It's that just dumped feeling, and it can't be beat.

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# Vegetable gardening for flower growers

Story and photos by Janice Hardy

**S**o, you are a flower grower rather than a vegetable grower. Well, vegetables are often easier to grow than fussy hybrids and taste really good. How to go about it:

## Planning the Vegetable Garden

Vegetable gardening is not only about selecting the

vegetables that you enjoy eating fresh from the garden - it is also about planning. Good planning will ensure that your crops produce as expected and will reduce the workload during the season itself. Like many other gardens, consideration must be given to the site, the soil and the requirements of each vegetable.

## The Site

If this is your first foray into vegetable gardening,

select a small site in full sun. Choose a site with good drainage and purchase a triple mix for the bed. For my first vegetable garden I have chosen to use a raised bed in the square foot intensive garden style. This served two purposes: first to allow maximum production in a minimum amount of space, and second to allow the soil to warm much faster than a non-raised bed. It is also easier on the back! My bed is four-by-six feet and 12 inches deep.

## The Vegetables

Choose the vegetables based on not only your likes and dislikes, but the number of people in the family and whether or not you wish to freeze or can. Generally I am looking at summer eating for two adults and weekend guests rather than storage, canning or freezing.

The first vegetable chosen is a family favourite - the tomato.

## Tomatoes

Tomatoes require full sun and medium-rich, moist, well-drained soil with a pH range of 5.5 to 6.8. Varieties selected were based on fruiting time. I like a couple of early cultivars and a couple of later ones so tomatoes are not ripening all at once. Plant once the soil temperatures have warmed and all danger of frost is gone. A transplant fertilizer can be used at the time of planting as tomatoes are heavy feeders. It is important to ensure that the soil has enough calcium to meet the fruiting needs.

Therefore a side-dressing with fertilizer specific to tomatoes will help prevent this. Another application of a more balanced fertilizer of 5-10-5 should be applied after the first tomato is ripe and repeated in approximately one month's time. Each plant needs to be staked and should sit at the north-west end of the bed to prevent shading of other plants. One square foot will hold a single plant to allow room to grow. Consistent watering is necessary during flowering to prevent blossom-end rot, especially in a hot Ontario summer. Fruit is harvested as it ripens and in my household is consumed quickly. If you prefer not to use chemical fertilizer, then using good compost and composted sheep manure will provide the necessary nutrients for good growth.

## Peppers

Next to the tomatoes will be peppers. Like tomatoes, peppers require one square foot of space per plant. Tomatoes and peppers are companion plants to each other. The tomatoes will help shelter the peppers from direct sunlight and can increase the humidity, which is to the benefit of the pepper plant. Peppers are a medium-heavy feeder and high nitrogen consumer. Consider a side-dressing of fertilizer at blossom time and three weeks later for good fruit production. Peppers prefer a sunny location in well drained soil. PH preference is 5.5 to 6.5. Peppers require a long growing season and



Tomatoes need to be watered consistently during the flowering stage to prevent blossom-end rot.

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# A late summer planting means a 1

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therefore transplants should be used rather than seeds. Plant after the soil has warmed - usually the last week in May or the first week of June. If you prefer your own plants then both peppers and tomatoes can be started indoors about eight weeks prior to moving outside.

## **Bush Beans - Green Snap variety**

Green snap beans are another family favourite. Seeds should be sown directly into the ground after all danger of frost has passed and soil has warmed. Consider purchasing disease resistant seeds. Beans prefer full sun in light, well drained sandy loam with a pH of 5.8 to 7.0. Up to nine plants can occupy one square foot of garden space leaving approximately 4 inches (10 centimetres) of space between plants. One square of beans should be planted every two weeks until all chosen squares are full. This will ensure a steady crop of beans over the season. Beans are moderate feeders and fertilizer is not necessary if using a good compost in your garden. Because beans fix nitrogen, if fertilizing use a side dressing of 10-10-10 after blossoms have finished and pods have set. Harvest early in the morning after the leaves have dried.

## **Cucumbers**

Cucumbers and beans are companion plants and can be planted next to each other in the bed. Like most other vegetables chosen, cucumbers prefer full sun in rich well-drained soil. Compost should be added as cucumbers enjoy soils rich in organic matter with a pH of 5.5 to 7.0. Cucumbers can get quite large so therefore one plant per square foot is good. I like to trellis the plants rather than have them on the ground. Plant after all danger of frost has passed. Cucumbers are heavy feeders and will need to be side-dressed one week after blossoming begins using a 33-0-0 fertilizer and again in approximately three weeks. When picking maintain a few centimetres of stem to prevent water loss.

## **Carrots**

Carrot seeds should be sown directly into the bed with 30 seeds per square foot. Carrots can germinate at the cooler spring temperatures when the soil tempera-

ture is a minimum 10 degrees. This often happens in early May. Like most vegetables, carrots prefer full sun in deep, sandy loam with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8. Carrots are companions to beans, peppers and tomatoes. Fertilizing with a low nitrogen fertilizer only after germination and again when 15 centimetres of top growth is needed as carrots are light feeders. Too much top growth can be indicative of an excessive amount of nitrogen. The best eating carrots are when they are no greater than 3.5 to 4 centimetres in diameter.

## **Radishes**

The radishes can be planted in the same square foot section of the bed as the carrots. Their fast-growing habit means that the radishes will be mature much sooner than the carrots, leaving the carrots to grow without any competition. Radishes will also act as a nurse crop to the carrots. Radishes are cool season crops and will be sown with the carrots when the soil temperature has reached approximately 10 degrees.

## **Beets**

Beets are companions of bush beans. Enjoying moist, rich well drained sandy loam soil with a pH of 5.8 to 7.0, beets will fit well with the rest of the garden. Seeds are again sown directly into the ground when the soil reaches temperatures of 10 degrees. Like most heavy feeders, compost is needed before planting. A side dressing of fertilizer high in phosphorus and low in nitrogen every two weeks to ensure good root development. Beets should be pulled when they are 2.5 to five centimetres across. A late summer planting for fall harvest will provide a nice meal in October. Beets planted in the warmer weather require a watering program to ensure good root development.

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Vegetables can benefit one another when planted properly.

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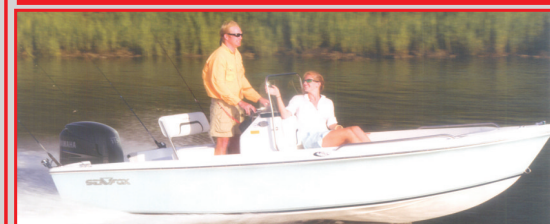


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